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Staff Report

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To: City Commission

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From: Community Services Director Phil Lewis

File Type: Ordinance

SUBJECT:

First Reading of Ordinance No. 18-1028, Designating the Pioneer Community Center as a Park Under Oregon City Charter Chapter X

RECOMMENDED ACTION (Motion):

Approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 18-1028, Designating the Pioneer Community Center as a Park Under Oregon City Charter Chapter X.

BACKGROUND:

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee (PRAC) was established in 1983 by the City Commission to advocate for recreational opportunities for Oregon City and to oversee implementation of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan. To ensure recreational opportunities are preserved in Oregon City, the PRAC has undertaken the review of the charter park status of all Oregon City parks which are owned and managed by the Oregon City Parks and Recreation Department.

Oregon City owns thirty-six parks, eleven of those are identified in Section 42 of Chapter X of the City Charter making them charter parks. Twelve more parks (Abernethy Creek Park, Jon Storm Park, Park Place Park, Richard Bloom Tots' Park, Filbert Run Park, Hartke Park, Hazelwood Park, Chapin Park, Shenandoah Park, Wesley Lynn Park, Hillendale Park and Glen Oak Park) were added to the charter through the provisions outlined in Section 43, which allows charter park designation through ordinance adoption. Identification in the City Charter ensures park protection by preventing the transfer, sale, vacation or major changes to charter parks without a legal vote of the people.

Of the remaining thirteen non-charter parks, the land on which the Pioneer Community Center is located was gifted to the City in 1972 by the Ralph and Adolph Jacobs Foundation. The construction and eventual dedication in 1979 of the center was completed using donations, grant funds and fundraising efforts. The 1999 Parks Master Plan identified the Pioneer Community Center as a developed senior center and peace garden. Adoption of Ordinance No. 18-1028 will designate the Pioneer Community Center as a park under Chapter X of the City Charter and ensure protection of the site as a park.