

CITY OF COOS BAY PARKS COMMISSION

Agenda Staff Report

MEETING DATE	AGENDA ITEM NUMBER
March 19, 2026	3.c

TO: Chair Lyons & Commissioners

FROM: Greg Hamblet, Operations Administrator

THROUGH: Jennifer Wirsing, Public Works Director

ISSUE: Alternative Funding Discussion

SUMMARY:

The Parks Commission is continuing its discussion on alternative funding sources following a work session held on June 5, 2025, where several potential strategies were identified for further exploration.

ACTION REQUESTED:

If it pleases the Commission, provide direction to staff on which alternative funding strategies the Commission would like to prioritize for further analysis, development, or potential implementation.

BACKGROUND:

At the February 19, 2026 Parks Commission Meeting, The Commission requested that the topic be brought back for continued discussion.

During the initial discussion, several potential funding strategies were identified, including: tax revenue, grants, volunteer support, a prepared food and beverage tax, public-private partnerships, allocating more than 1% of gas tax revenues, creation of a Parks Foundation/501(c)(3), formation of a Parks and Recreation District (potentially in partnership with North Bend), and implementation of development fees associated with permits.

This follow-up discussion is intended for the Commission to further evaluate these options and identify preferred strategies for potential advancement.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:

There are no immediate budget impacts associated with this discussion item.

ATTACHMENT(S):