

# CITY OF COOS BAY PARKS COMMISSION

## Agenda Staff Report

| MEETING DATE      | AGENDA ITEM NUMBER |
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| December 18, 2025 | 3.e                |

TO: Chair Lyons & Commissioners  
FROM: Greg Hamblet, Operations Administrator  
THROUGH: Jennifer Wirsing, Public Works Director  
ISSUE: Noblewins Park Furniture

### **SUMMARY:**

Noblewins Park Furniture Presentation and Discussion

### **ACTION REQUESTED:**

No action requested at this time.

### **BACKGROUND:**

The Mingus Park Rewilding Project design originally incorporated two benches. Staff intends to install these benches during the summer of 2026.

On October 1, 2025, City staff met with a sales representative from Noblewins, an outdoor park furniture company that repurposes wind turbine blades into park furnishings (see attached brochure). This furniture is designed to require little to no maintenance and has an anticipated service life of approximately 25 years. The benches arrive fully assembled, requiring only on-site installation by staff, and represent a sustainable option through the upcycling of wind turbine blades that might otherwise be disposed of in landfills.

During the meeting, staff discussed pricing and requested quotes for two bench options considered compatible with the rewilding area: the Primed Sequoia and Primed Arch models (see attached quotes). The primed benches may be painted by a local artist (at an additional commissioned cost) or as part of a community-based volunteer event. Alternatively, the benches may be vinyl-wrapped (see Public Art Guide) prior to shipment by Noblewins (at an additional cost).

Conversely, the City's current standard park bench, used throughout City parks and along the boardwalk, is a composite wood bench with an estimated replacement cycle of approximately 15 years. These benches require assembly by staff in addition to on-site installation. The uniform style of the standard benches has created visual consistency across City parks. It is staff's intent to continue using this standard bench design for future bench replacements, as they have demonstrated reliability, are vandal-resistant, and can be easily replaced as needed.

Staff is presenting these bench options to the Commission for consideration, with the understanding that the Noblewins benches represent a significantly higher upfront cost than the City's current standard park bench, which costs approximately \$1,550 per bench, including installation.

While staff believes this furniture could add a unique feature to the Rewilding Project and align with its overall "recycling" goals, there are concerns about budget constraints within the Parks department. Given these limitations and should the Commission want to pursue this option, staff recommends that

this furniture be considered to be part of the Adopt-A-Park program or pursued through a dedicated fundraising program to solicit donations for the project.

**BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:**

Fund 37-306-520-2309 Building & Grounds Maintenance will fund the Benches

Standard Bench with Installation: \$1,550 each

Noblewins "Arch" – Primed w/o installation: \$8,475 plus freight estimated at \$4,000

Noblewins "Sequoia" – Primed w/o installation: \$4,975 plus freight estimated at \$4,000

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

- 2025 Noblewins Product Catalog-compressed.pdf
- Public Art Guide 2025.pdf
- Coos Bay, OR - Primed Arch.pdf
- Coos Bay, OR - Primed Sequoia.pdf