

CITY OF COOS BAY WORK SESSION - PARKS COMMISSION

Agenda Staff Report

MEETING DATE	AGENDA ITEM NUMBER
April 2, 2026	3.a

TO: Chair Lyons & Commissioners
FROM: Greg Hamblet, Operations Administrator
THROUGH: Jennifer Wirsing, Public Works Director
ISSUE: Alternative Funding Sources

SUMMARY:

The Parks Commission will continue the discussion of Alternative Funding Sources. This is a Parks Commission goal.

ACTION REQUESTED:

No action requested at this time.

BACKGROUND:

At the March 19, 2026 Parks Commission meeting, the Commission continued its discussion on alternative funding sources for the parks system. This has been an ongoing conversation focused on finding ways to supplement existing funding and better support Park Maintenance and Capital Improvements.

This work session will center on a few specific areas identified by the Commission, including the potential formation of a parks foundation or 501(c)(3), increasing volunteerism and community donations, and pursuing grant opportunities. The intent is to move beyond general discussion and identify practical next steps that can be implemented in the near term to satisfy long term goals.

This work session is intended to help the Commission narrow its focus, identify priorities, and provide clear direction to staff on next steps.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:

None.

ATTACHMENT(S):