

EARLY BIRD WEEKLY



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Last week was Casey Creighton from CPRD on a range of topics and projects.

Casey grew up in Canada and has been 36 years in the golf industry with the last three at Chehalem Park & Recreation.

First on the agenda was the [Chehalem Heritage Trails](#), a 70+ mile project wending through and around Newberg and Dundee.

That's like a half-Ironman so you could totally do that in a day. Well, except for the swimming part. CPRD's trails don't include swimming. [grin]

The Heritage Trail strategic plan includes a provision for a Bypass Trail *[dang, we Newbergers need a better name for the bypass than Bypass or our grandkids will think we were all too lazy to be creative ... in ten years they'll ask, "Why do you call it a bypass. What is it bypassing? ed.]* which is proposed for one end being just past Providence and the other in downtown Dundee.

CPRD applied for a grant in 2020 but lost that one to someone else's project. But they tried again and succeeded in May with some state funding.

The est. \$6.4 million project got off the ground ten years ago with initial planning stages.

The bypass trail will clip a corner of Chehalem Glenn requiring some replanning of that portion of the course.

The trail will follow the bypass terrain and flow beneath Wynooski's overpass and continue to a 670 ft. ped/bike bridge to cross Hess Creek.

[Phase I](#) of the bypass trail will terminate at Hwy 219 at one end and Rogers Landing Park at the other.

The trail isn't just for attracting out of towners. For people cycling or walking from South Newberg's residential areas to employment centers near Springbrook, PCC, and Providence the trail will get non-motorized traffic off of 45 MPH Wynooski.

They've been reaching out to ODOT to make sure that Phase II of the bypass on-ramps won't mess up our new trails.

One of CPRD's current projects is [Sander Estate Park](#), 6.7 acre property purchased in 2017. The home, garage and utility barn will remain and be repurposed.

The park will be right across 5th St from Dundee's Billick Park and about the north side of the Post Office.

It will feature its own parking for up to 50 vehicles, a playground and picnic area with bathrooms and picnic shelter. There will also be a small amphitheater for plays and live music.

There is also talk of a viewing terrace for Mt. Hood and Mt. Jefferson as well as a water feature like a splash pad.

CPRD is proposing a 200 campsite campground on 35 of the 90 acres off of Hwy 219. ODOT has already invested \$1.8 million restoring vegetation and wetlands in that area following construction. The Board is still prioritizing this need. It is the greater community, more so than local residents, that would benefit most from development of this campground.

The new Aquatic Center is still having issues with the HVAC system and CPRD is still working with the contractor. Turns out the highly complex system doesn't play well with the constantly humid environment of an indoor pool.

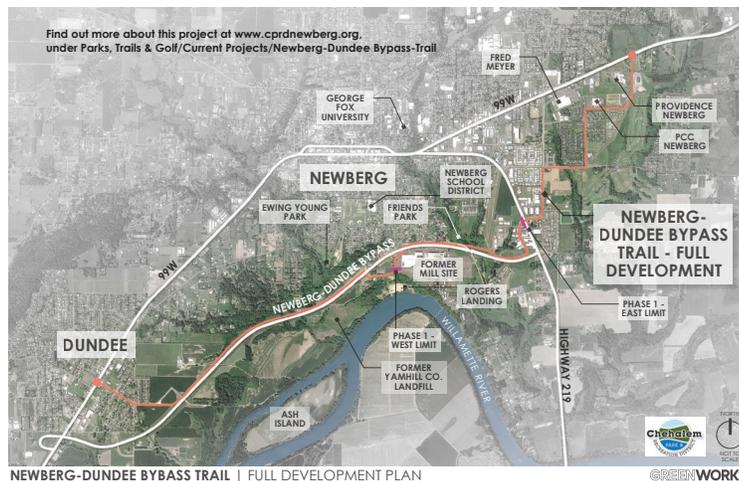
Q: Rachel noted that Early Bird Rotary, being more of a brick & mortar club, has a thing for parks and asked about Scott Leavitt Park (south side of town between River and Wynooski at 11th St.) with its aging playground equipment and small basketball court.

A: Casey noted that this is actually a city park and CPRD can't even do anything about sidewalks.

Q: Jay(?) asked about a third 9-Hole course.

A: The site for the conceptualized course is currently County property. While the design is complete the current priority has been the campground project.

And the clubhouse that stands on Chehalem Glenn was only supposed to be a temporary structure with a planned ten year service



life. It's been there for fifteen years now. There are plans in place for an update near Fernwood Rd.



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