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## **HILLSBORO CITY COUNCIL VOTES TO SEEK APPROX \$44.5 MILLION BOND MEASURE FOR PARKS IN NOVEMBER**

Hillsboro, Oregon – at the July 1, 2008 Hillsboro City Council meeting, City Council approved a resolution to put an approximately \$44.5 million parks bond measure on the ballot for the November 2008 election.

If the bond passes, it would finance various park projects including a new community indoor recreation center at the 53<sup>rd</sup> Avenue Community Park and park and open space improvements throughout Hillsboro at seven different sites. The projects are geographically spread throughout the community to benefit the widest range of residents.

Parks and open space improvements would include:

- Construction of trail improvements and interpretive facilities at Jackson Bottom Wetland Preserve.
- Development at Patterson Street Nature Park (located near Brookwood Avenue south of Main Street) including construction of a segment of the Rock Creek Regional Trail, interpretive facilities, restrooms, a shelter and plaza space.
- Construction of a park shelter, restroom building and plaza space at Turner Creek Park.
- Construction of a new restroom building, renovation of an existing shelter, and walkway improvements at Hamby Park.
- Construction of water play fountains at Frances Street Park and McKinney Park.
- Improvements to the Hillsboro Pioneer Cemetery including the construction of security lighting, fencing, interpretive signage, and walkways.

The approximately 121,000 square-foot indoor recreation facility at the 53<sup>rd</sup> Avenue Community Park would include a 7,000 square-foot leisure pool, two basketball courts, climbing wall, children's indoor playground, teen space, jogging/walking track, fitness area, indoor soccer field, four tennis courts, Tuality Healthcare wellness center, locker rooms and a dividable community meeting room with kitchen. Though not included in this bond measure, future plans include the opportunity for expansion of the facility to include a 50-meter (Olympic competition size) lap pool, additional basketball courts, indoor skate park, racquetball and indoor golf practice area.

The City Council's vote finalized a 12-month planning process spearheaded by a citizen task force. The next step in the process is for staff to prepare a public bond information program. The public information program is scheduled to be initiated in September.

For more information, please call Hillsboro Parks & Recreation at 503-681-6120 or visit [www.ci.hillsboro.or.us/ParksRec](http://www.ci.hillsboro.or.us/ParksRec) or [www.53rdavenuepark.org](http://www.53rdavenuepark.org).

*City of Hillsboro Parks & Recreation is a service department of the City of Hillsboro and provides the community with over 1,500 acres of park land & open space, a wide array of recreational facilities, and a multitude of recreational, educational and cultural programs.*

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