

Oregon Parks and Recreation Commission

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Agenda Item:	3b	Information
Public Comment Allowed:	Yes	
Topic:	Vietnam War Memorial project update	
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A privately funded project to construct a Vietnam War Memorial on the grounds of the State Capitol State Park is part way through the design phase. A site plan review by the City of Salem resulted in a permit with three conditions, one of which has a minor effect on the project design.

1. Applicant will plant six trees, at least 1.5-inch caliper in size, within the 20-foot setback.
2. The large western redcedar, blue atlas cedar, and Douglas-fir within the project boundary shall be preserved.
3. An arborist provided recommendations and construction methods to protect the critical root zone of the trees identified in (2) above, and the recommendations will be applied to project design and followed during construction. This new permit condition resulted in a change to the configuration of some hard surfaces to protect the trees.

The project is still raising funds and has targeted January 2024 to break ground, with construction finishing by that November. OPRD staff continue to coordinate with the project sponsor, which includes several agency staff working on an interpretive committee.

The project has been supported by legislative bills, most recently in 2021 when it received a \$400,000 grant from the legislature. The grant is not associated with OPRD. When the project is completed, the proponent will deposit a prescribed amount into a maintenance fund and transfer all ownership responsibilities to the State of Oregon.

Prior Action by Commission: Approval of Item 6d, February 2021.

Action Requested: None

Attachments: None

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