

## SNAPSHOT: Chamber seeks additional funding

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meeting between the City and ODOT occurred in early January. At this stage, it is all project development and design. The area will be surveyed over the next couple of months. The City anticipates the project development and design to take approximately nine to 12 months.

- The North Locust Street multi-use path bid process closed on January 14. There were five bids received. A small city allotment grant will cover the cost of the path. The project is expected to begin as soon as weather permits.

- The Vision Implementation Team for the Sisters Country Vision has met four times to discuss progress updates and next steps (opportunities for partner collaboration and volunteers, public communications strategies, and future facilitation). The VIT will be publishing monthly articles in *The Nugget* to keep residents informed about progress and opportunities. Information is available at [sistersvision.org](http://sistersvision.org) where it is possible to leave a message under the contact tab.

- The City Park Advisory Committee has narrowed the options for the new Village Green play structure to two designs from the same company. Input on the two options will be solicited from children through the schools and SPRD. The preferred design will come before the City Council for approval in March. Hopefully, the project will be completed prior to the summer events season.

Total cost for the project is \$194,000, with \$70,000 being paid by the City and the remainder through a grant from the state.

- The City launched a Facebook page in early January. The page will be used to keep the community informed on what is happening in the City. Like and follow the page at <https://www.facebook.com/CityofSistersOregon>.

- Creekside Campground reservations for the upcoming season opened online January 2. The Sisters Folk Festival weekend reservations filled in minutes. Other event weekends such as Sisters Rodeo and Sisters Outdoor Quilt Show are almost filled. Over 1,430 nights have been reserved.

- Dana Bratton has been selected as a new member of the City's Parks Advisory Board.

- In news from the City Finance Department, the accounting software has been updated for easier user interface. There is \$140,000 in interest in the water SDC fund. Waterline upgrades for Oak and Fir streets will be undertaken this coming spring.

- Council has approved a professional service agreement with Anderson Perry and GSI for a new city well (#4). The design work will cost \$63,000. The drilling for the well will take four to six weeks using a rotary air bit, to take place in the fall of 2020 with construction to follow in spring 2021. The location of the well is near the east end of the Creekside Campground in front of the Fourth Sisters Condo. The entire project will cost between \$860,000 and \$1.2 million.

## PLANNER: Mardell enjoys working directly with people

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team of adjunct professionals who worked for cities, transit agencies, and nonprofit community engagement groups," Mardell said. "When I took an intro-level class, I fell in love with city planning as it felt like the perfect fit. I could gain expertise in areas related to transportation, housing, urban design, construction, and community engagement with a larger goal of making a community a great place to live for all of its residents and visitors."

Whether it be the Sisters Community Vision or master planning a large parcel in town, Mardell is energized by working with people on bringing an idea to life in a way that meets their needs, while complying with the law and meeting the City's broader goals.

"The most fun and enjoyable parts of my job are pre-application meetings and community meetings. Being in a room with individuals and groups interested in new projects and having new ideas — both large and small in scale — is always very refreshing and the fun part of planning," said Mardell.

Mardell appreciates the fact that, "land-use planning in Oregon can feel so dense and overcomplicated to the average person. I enjoy being able to get out into the community to discuss land-use

requirements and processes so people can interact with it on a more personal level."

As with many other workers, the biggest challenge for Mardell is not enough time to do everything.

"The challenging part of my job is common for a lot of people: time. There are so many interesting projects to tackle. I often wish I could duplicate myself to be in two places at once!"

Coming from a larger planning department at the County, Mardell is enjoying her position in Sisters where she gets to work on projects with every one of her co-workers, which she said allows her to see everyone's workstyles and strengths on a closer level.

"The staff here at City

Hall are extremely talented in the work that they do and are always willing to lend a hand to another staff member or member of the community. I feel grateful to be a part of such a dedicated team!" Mardell said.

She and her two older sisters grew up in the Twin Cities region of Minnesota with their dad, who is a nurse, and their mom, now retired from her position as a local TV producer.

"I've always been drawn to being a public servant. Seeing my dad work as a nurse inspired me to pursue a career in which I am able to serve my community and contribute to greater quality of life for future generations," the planner concluded.

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