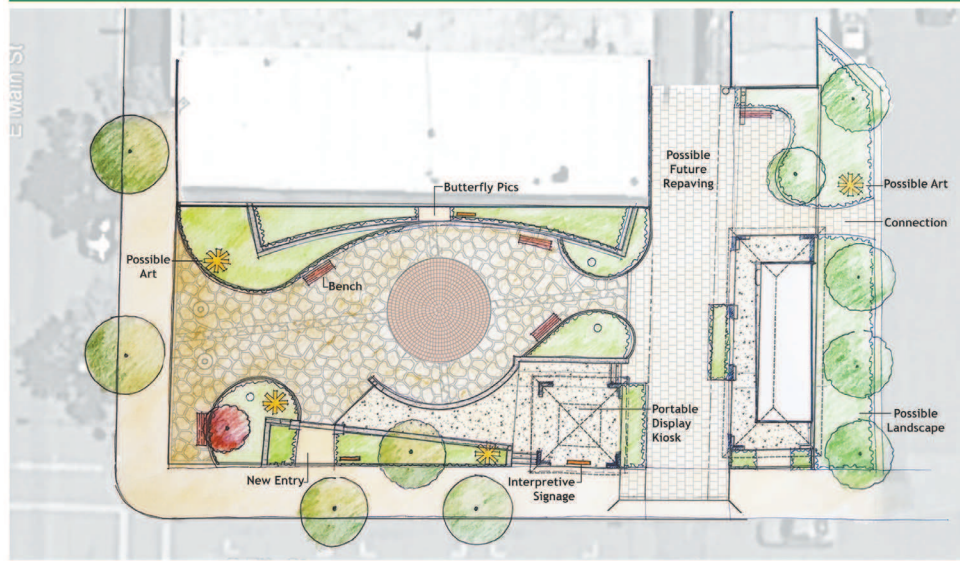


ALL-AMERICA CITY SQUARE

All-America City Square-Possible Preliminary Refinements Plan



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New entrances on the west and south sides of All-America City Square were planned to aid access to the park there.

refurbishing the Opal Whiteley mural that oversees the location and adding interpretive signage to detail the significance of Whiteley and the mural.

The changes that DLA Inc. representatives David Dougherty and Luzanne Smith detailed last week included night lighting and the transition of the circular planter into a paving feature. Prominent changes often concerned accessibility and traffic flow in the park, and as such a wall at the back of the park that separates it from a nearby parking lot was marked for removal. A new entrance was envisioned at the south end of the park, and trees are included behind the restrooms there in the new design. Another entrance is also planned in preliminary drawings on the Seventh Street side of the park, where a wall

and plantings currently exist.

Dougherty asked the gathered crowd about the possibility of mobile seating and umbrellas at the park, and while many seemed to like the idea of added seating there, some also worried that umbrellas might block the mural. Disagreements were also registered with regard to changing the flagstone paving in the park, and Dougherty asked those present to register their thoughts about paving specifically.

The third meeting of the All-America City Square planning project will be held Tuesday, June 14 at 6 p.m. at the Cottage Grove Armory. At this meeting, a synthesis of comments from the open house held on May 17 and charrette held on May 24 will be presented.

Design charrette details park wishlist

BY JON STINNETT
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A round of applause closed the second in a series of meetings called to discuss a downtown Cottage Grove park last week.

Representatives from the City planning department and the architect firm DLA Inc. welcomed a sizable crowd to the Armory on Tuesday, May 24 to discuss potential changes to the layout of All-America City Square, located at the corner of Seventh and Main streets in downtown Cottage Grove. The City had received a \$3000 grant from the National Park Service and State Historic Preservation Office to plan possible updates to the park, and City Planner Amanda Ferguson said that issues with the flagstone pavers there helped prompt the series of meetings that included last week's design charrette.

Attendees at the first meeting, held on May 17, used sticky notes to identify the aspects of the park, redesigned by local architect Marston Morgan and built in 2010, that they appreciated, as well as issues they felt needed to be addressed. Results indicate that many liked the idea of lighting the park more fully at night, removing a circular concrete planter in the center of the park,

exited the building safely. They say the fire was confined to one downstairs apartment, though smoke damage also occurred to the apartment directly upstairs.

Shortly after the fire, South Lane Chief John Wooten issued a press release declaring that the fire "was started by melting wax left unattended on the stove in the downstairs apartment," adding that the stove was "on a time of ignition." They say the fire has been ruled unintentional. The fire reportedly affected three adults and two children, and the Red Cross provided resources to help address the immediate basic needs of those affected such as temporary

Officials with South Lane County Fire and Rescue say they believe melted wax may be to blame for a fire that damaged apartments in a Cottage Grove complex on Tuesday, May 25.

Personnel were called to a report of a fire in the Riverside Apartments complex in the 1700 block of Highway 99 in Cottage Grove. Police advised firefighters that smoke was visible coming from one of the four-unit structures there. Police evacuated the building while firefighters brought the blaze under control. South Lane Fire said that there were no civilian or personnel injuries and that all occupants



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Firefighters battle a blaze in the Riverside Apartments on the evening of Wednesday, May 25. The fire damaged two apartments there.

housing, food, clothing, comfort kits, blankets, information about

recovery services and health and mental health services.

Comm. Foundation awards scholarships

Sixty-two awards
total \$61,550

The Cottage Grove Community Foundation recently provided 62 scholarships to students from Cottage Grove High School, Kennedy Alternative High School and Creswell High School for a total \$61,550.

Additionally, 28 previous recipients received renewable scholarships for a total award of \$29,750. Scholarships range from \$500 to \$2,000 each, and since its inception in 2002, the Foundation has given out almost \$490,000 to deserving students to help them pay for their education. Recipients and donors are listed at <http://www.cgcfoundation.org/>.

The recipients of this year's scholarships are:

Scott Anderson, Christine Ansite, Jack Bartram, Benjamin Bauml, Kalea Brick, Emma Browning, Carrie Calkins, Derek Carlton, Alice Christman, Chris Clure, Eve Cornelius, Nico Cornelius, Carol Crum, Maeve Dahlen, Rachel Ferguson, Jaylene Forrester, Tesslyn Foster-Gordon, Kale'a Galbreath, Allyssa Ganchequi, Bradley Geisler, Casey Genthner, Hannah Gilmore, Ashley Goertzen, Agnes Hite, Shelby Kidd, Aunchaleepom Kripeerapan, Abigail Ladd, McKayla Martindale, Melissa McCasline, Daisy Nash, Delia Nichols-Ferguson, Savannah Nickerson-Banks, Grace Payne, Amelia Phillips, Nick Russo, Lacey Schneider, April Sherrod, Austin Shipley, Haley Simonsen, Jadon Snauer, Zachary Snauer and Breanna Wright.



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Members of SLBA's Hip Hop 4 class: Kenady Conforth, Hannah Donner, Kathryn Pearson, Megan Schneider, Ezryn Cook and Madeline Sisson — will be among the performers at Saturday's spring concert.

SLBA presents spring concert

South Lane Ballet Academy will be presenting their Spring Concert entitled "Tune In and Turn Out" this Saturday, June 4 at 3p.m., in the CGHS Cafetorium. TV show theme songs are the inspiration for this show. Dancers ages 3-45 will perform ballet, tap, jazz, modern and hip hop dance to over 30 theme songs, both old and new. General admission is \$8 with a discounted rate of \$5 for kids under the age of 12.

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