City of Sandy
Oregon Trail School District
Recreation Campus project

The City of Sandy and Oregon Trail School District (OTSD) are exploring a project that, if implemented, would provide a consolidated recreation campus for citizens of Sandy and our surrounding communities while also providing improved learning spaces for students.

The City of Sandy and OTSD have entered into discussion regarding the future operation of the Sandy Pool. OTSD will operate the pool until fall 2015.

While discussing the future of the Sandy Pool, the concept of creating a community recreation site at the Cedar Ridge Middle School campus transpired. The City is exploring the option of purchasing the school campus.

**What is a recreation campus and how would it mutually benefit the Sandy community and schools?**

The Cedar Ridge Middle School campus is home to, or gives direct access to:
- Sandy Pool
- Sandy Skate Park
- Sandy River Park
- Sandy flow trail (mountain biking)
- Athletics fields and gymnasium

This campus could also provide the City additional space for:
- City offices
- Sports programs, and
- Enrichment activities for all ages

The pool and adjoining recreational area is an asset that will serve our community for years to come.
- Capital improvements (e.g. construction, engineering, architecture costs) to the pool would be funded through Urban Renewal dollars.
  - The Urban Renewal Fund is a tool used by governments to improve the value of properties designated within an Urban Renewal Area.
- A modest monthly fee on the utility bill of City of Sandy residents would provide operations (e.g. payroll, utilities, insurance, etc.) revenue for the pool
- Residents within the city limits would pay a reduced rate to use the pool

*The Sandy area is a vibrant and healthy place to raise a family, and this collaborative effort would create even more accessibility to wholesome activities for young families and people of all ages.*
How would the project impact Cedar Ridge Middle School students and staff?

This project would help OTSD provide a more functional learning environment for Cedar Ridge Middle School students and staff.

With the generous support of Oregon Trail voters, a bond measure was passed in 2008 to build our new 310,000 square foot high school. This opened up possibilities for the 160,000 square foot Pioneer building.

As stated in the Bond Measure, OTSD will renovate the Pioneer building to accommodate an appropriate number of students and staff. The building currently houses the district’s Blended Learning Center and could readily accommodate the current Cedar Ridge student body.

The Pioneer building could support a middle school program with assets not available in the Cedar Ridge building, including:

- Kitchen, cafeteria/auditorium
- Two gymnasiums
- Band and choir rooms, computer labs, Science labs

Middle school students would also gain convenient access to the new high school athletic facilities as well as courses for advanced students.

Bond funds have been utilized to update the Pioneer building’s technology infrastructure, roofs, cabling for security, and more.

Additional renovations to the Pioneer building and campus would include:

- Some office and classroom spaces repurposed
- HVAC system improvements
- Boilers, Siding, floor coverings, ADA modifications, security upgrades
- Some out-buildings/classrooms razed or used for storage, and
- Bus staging and parking areas relocated and expanded

The additional renovations would be financed with:

- Interest earnings on proceeds of the 2008 bond
- Construction excise tax proceeds
- Long-term lease proceeds from district facilities, and
- Sale of the Cedar Ridge campus

Next steps

A survey of Sandy citizens will be conducted to gage interest in continued operation of the Sandy pool. Meanwhile, the City of Sandy is assessing the value of the Cedar Ridge Middle School campus. The resulting information will inform the continued discussion between the City and OTSD.

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