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Eugene Civic Alliance Completes Phase 2 of Civic Park Project, Reveals New Designs for Civic Park

Eugene Civic Alliance (ECA) has finished Phase 2 of the Civic Park project with the completion of new architectural renderings and a construction budget for the Civic Park facility. ECA's Design and Construction Committee and Board of Directors worked closely with the project's architectural firms, Robertson/Sherwood of Eugene and Skylab Architecture of Portland to create and approve design and development concepts as well the preliminary construction budget.

The renderings showcase the features of the new facility which will include a 40,000 sq. ft. fieldhouse for Kidsports, a multipurpose field, and 2,500 seat grandstand. The fieldhouse will house four middle-school-sized basketball courts, which can be converted into two collegiate-sized courts or eight volleyball courts. There will also be two outdoor basketball courts.

ECA envisions the outdoor field at Civic Park as a venue for a wide variety of sports, and community recreation and activities. The facility will also host tournaments, special events, and minor league soccer.

The need for a new design and budget arose after fire destroyed the historic Civic Stadium grandstand on June 29, 2015, just two months after ECA purchased the property. Both architectural firms and the contractor for the project, Chambers Construction, began working on creating the new designs in the spring of 2016.

Demolition work at the Civic site was recently completed. The existing buildings were torn down, the steel piles removed, and the historic scoreboard stored for safekeeping until construction is complete.

The new Civic Park project will cost approximately \$30 million. ECA has an insurance fund currently worth \$2.7 million as a result of the Civic Stadium fire. In November and

December, 2016, ECA hosted a year-end online fundraiser titled, "The OCF Challenge." The campaign began on Giving Tuesday, November 29th, 2016, and ran through December 31st. The Oregon Community Foundation challenged ECA to raise \$100,000 and offered a 1-to-1 match up to that amount. ECA exceeded the campaign goal, raising more than \$113,000, which brought the total raised through the fundraiser to \$213,000 in just one month.

ECA, founded in 2014, is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) corporation established to redevelop the historic Civic Stadium property into an inclusive, long-term, self-sustaining community sports and entertainment venue, operated primarily to benefit the children of the community. ECA owns the site free and clear.

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