



February 16, 2017

**PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

Scappoose City Hall, 33568 E Columbia Ave.

Regular meeting at 6:00 pm

Committee Members

David Powers, Chair	Peter McHugh, Vice-chair (Absent)
Beth Zelfer	Jeannine Duehren (JJ)
Jolene Jonas	Alyse Lansing
Dakota Meyer	Grant Carpenter, Ex-officio
Cara Heinze (Absent)	

Elected Officials, City Staff and Guests

Bryan Hammond	Ben Tolles, City Staff
Alex Raines, City Staff	Mike Sykes, City Manager
Joel Haugen	

Minutes

1. **Dave Powers called the meeting to order at 6:03pm**
 - 1.1. The agenda was approved as is
 - 1.2. No changes to the January 19th meeting minutes were suggested
 - 1.3. Bryan Hammond submitted a comment on Vista Park. He was present at the annual town meeting, and recognized that the property owners adjacent to the park were very concerned that the parking on the map called for parking off their private drive. He also suggested that another property owner was surprisingly open to the idea as long as the parking was big enough.
2. **City Updates and Discussion**



- 2.1. Dave started out by saying how great he thought the meeting went, and that he was blown away by how supportive the community members were of paying for the development of the parks. He also cautioned that the sampling was probably biased towards park development by simply attending, and that NIMBYs and funding will always be a problem. JJ also agreed that the meeting was well done and was pleased by how mild mannered everyone was. As a group everyone seemed to do a great job at acting in a non-confrontational manner. Dave also thanked Comcast for the donation that allowed for the clickers to be purchased. Dakota agreed and mentioned that he heard very positive reviews of the clicker technology.
 - 2.1.1. Ben started to run through the responses to the clickers. After reviewing question 3, Dave pointed out that more than a third had been in Scappoose less than 10 years. After reviewing question 15 Alyse, Dave and Mike all commented that clearly parks is a draw, that PCC would want a park and that Ed Freeman who owns that land is excited, respectively. After question 26, Mike filled the committee in on the pool situation, and the past experience with taxes in the city. He mentioned how there was a park district that failed because they kept going after a pool measure. Mike also talked about how the pool fund is a confusing measure that passed. He mentioned how the city owns a pool property which is just costing the city money, so we are planning on selling it, and start then investigate the limitations of the pool funds. Joel asked if we could lump it into a pool district. Mike wasn't sure, but the pool fund only has about \$600,000 which is not enough for a pool, and that we are paying off loans for the property which prohibits us using money for new development of parks.
 - 2.1.2. Ben explained Dutch Canyon because Pete was not present. The people were generally supportive, but wanted the basketball court orientated differently, and the fence around the well smaller. Alyse and Dave then discussed the results of Seely. Again, people loved the idea, but thought the pavilion should be moved closer to the parking lot, and that the parking lot should be smaller. The community also wanted a wall near the basketball court to make it more multiuse. Bryan the community member present asked about Seely Lane Road, and Mike filled the committee in on the development going on there and the city's efforts to get it fully built out. Because we are already talking about Seely Lane Alex filled the committee in on the progress of the Seely Lane Grant, and Ben asked the committee members to read the letter of support and recommend any changes. The committee approved the letter. JJ then discussed Vista Park. As Bryan mentioned before, there was a lot of support for the park, but concern for the parking and possible vandalism. The bikers also wanted the trails to be more challenging for bikers. JJ was also surprised that no one felt the mixed use trails would be an issue. Ben explain that Keys road didn't receive many people. A community member suggested adult work



out machines instead of the basketball court. Overall though there was very little consensus of what should be at the park. The one thing everyone agreed with was the patio area, and the extra trail through the trees. Alex and Mike reviewed the Chapman landing discussion. Some comments were to have floating docks, to have a caretaker to ward off problems, to move the horse hitch closer so you didn't leave you horse out of view, and that bathrooms should be moved outside the floodplain. JJ also suggested that the 100 foot right of way the city owns could be made into a park anywhere along CZ trail. Mike said overall people liked it and that State Senator Betsy Johnson said she would call the county commissioners. Dakota reviewed Creekview. Like Keys, he did not have much foot traffic. Vandalism and flooding were concerns. The best suggestion was a curved trail to help elderly people get down there. Dakota said he experienced quite a lot of NIMBY. The whole committee then discussed the need for wayfinding signs for all parks. Everyone agreed that little parks like Creekview are not well known and would benefit from small signs on street poles.

- 2.2. The committee reviewed the grant earlier after the ATM discussion on the Seely Lane Pssark. Dave offered to review the grant if Alex needed help.
- 2.3. The committee discussed their goals for the next year and Ben transcribed the different ideas. After getting a full list, the committee voted on what they think the committee should focus on. These are the results:

Will happen this coming year:

1. Seely Lane Grant
2. Heritage Park
3. Complete Master Plan

Priorities for other projects (number of points):

1. Develop funding strategy (35)
2. Complete Chapman Landing acquisition (28)
3. Vista Property Development (17)
4. Riparian Ordinance (15)
5. CZ Trail Beautification (13)
6. S. Scappoose Creek Trail Plan (10)
7. Miller Park Improvements (2)

3. Announcements

- 3.1. The March meeting is March 16th, 2017



3.2. We will be adding another committee member from the school

4. **The meeting was adjourned 7:20pm. The next meeting will be held on March 16th, 2017 at 6:00pm in the City Council Chambers.**

For questions about this agenda, contact Ben Tolles, 503-543-7184 or btolles@cityofscappoose.org

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