



March 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
Beth Zelfer (Absent)	Jeannine Duehren (Absent)
Jolene Jonas	Alyse Lansing
Dakota Meyer (Absent)	Grant Carpenter, Ex-officio (Absent)
Cara Heinze	

Elected Officials, City Staff and Guests

Megan Greisen, City Councilor	Ben Tolles, City Staff
Alex Raines, City Staff	Mike Sykes, City Manager
Joel Haugen	

Minutes

1. **Dave Powers called the meeting to order at 6:05pm**
 - 1.1. The agenda was approved as is
 - 1.2. No changes to the meeting minutes were suggested
 - 1.3. No public comment was received
2. **City Updates and Discussion**
 - 2.1. **Grant Updates**
 - 2.1.1. Alex Rains gave an update on the status of the Seely Lane Grant. At the moment everything is pretty much done. She is just waiting for a letter of support from Senator Johnson. Alex reported that the grant is asking for around \$450,000 and that the new public works director



Dave said he believes his crew can do portions of the work, which lowers the amount we need to ask for.

2.1.2. Alex also informed that we are applying for another grant through ORPD for a trailhead and lookout on the Vista Park Property. If we get the grant, we would first thin the property. Mike also discussed the RFP process we are going through to make sure we get someone who is good at forest thinning.

2.2. Ben explained that the Comp Plan Language is for long range planning and isn't as specific as the Parks Master Plan. The committee felt they would need more time to digest the amount of information given to them in the Packet. Ben asked that they look over the examples and give some suggestions via email. The group would think of policies and the committee would review them again at the next meeting.

2.3. The committee reviewed the changes Ben made to the park maps. New suggestions were to add bike parking at all parks, and a few parking spots at Dutch Canyon. Mike also brought up the passing of Gretta Kasch. He thinks it presents an opportunity to acquire the property and include it as part of the Seely Lane Park. Pete said he would be willing to help as long as Joel did as well. An offer could be naming rights for an amenity in honor of Gretta. Mike also asked Ben to include South Scappoose Creek as part of the Capital Improvement Plan. Dave offered a connection to help Ben estimate costs.

2.4. The committee didn't like the idea of a name change to Chapman Landing, but understood it might be necessary. They wanted to maintain the history, so suggested changing it to Scappoose Chapman Landing.

2.5. Megan Greisen brought up Miller Park and asked that the city try to do a bunch of little improvements over a few years (starting in 2017) rather than focus all its energies on one large improvement. Megan suggested the community would be more than willing to fundraise for it.

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

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

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