



Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes

Council Chambers, 33568 E. Columbia Ave., Scappoose, OR 97056

February 21st, 2019 6:00 pm – 6:45 pm

Attendees:

Bryan Hammond, Alyse Lansing, Dana Pricher, Lindsey Goodwick, Kristin Person, J.J. Duehren, Public Attendee (Bryan's wife), City Councilor Joel Haugen, City Manager Michael Sykes, City Program Analyst Huell White

Absent:

Committee Chair Dave Powers, Co-Chair Pete McHugh, Assistant to the City Manager Alex Rains, Public Works Director Dave Sukau

1. **CALL TO ORDER** - The meeting was called to order at 6:06 PM.

1.1 Agenda additions – Chapman Landing update was added to the agenda.

1.2 Meeting minutes from 02.21 were approved without modification.

1.3 Public comments – One member of the public (spouse of Committee member) attended; provided no comment.

2. **City Updates and Discussion**

2.1 Chapman Landing Update

City manager Michael Sykes provided the Committee with an update on Chapman Landing. Columbia County has adopted the Chapman Landing transfer agreement and is required to publish public notice by the 15th of April 2019. The public notice will occur the week of the City's planned Earth Day Festival on the 20th of April. LIDAR surveying was conducted at the portion of the Chapman Landing property that will be transferred to the City of Scappoose. The City intends to propose to the budget committee that preliminary engineering and studying be conducted on the property, as well as re-zoning the property later in 2019. The County stipulated in the agreement that the City re-zone the property within two years of the agreement's date effective. The Public Works Department is eager to clean up the site and trim back or remove invasive blackberry vegetation. Furthermore, the City intends to pursue the Local Government Grant from the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department for the Chapman Landing conceptual park project in the next two years, but the grant will require at least a \$200,000 match from the City.



Councilor Haugen asked the city manager about policing at Chapman Landing. The city manager mentioned the idea of a solar powered gate that would allow access to Scappoose Police and Public Works vehicles. J.J. Duehren mentioned that some sort of motion lighting for the property might be suitable. The city manager also added that fencing is required to address safety concerns of the dike bridge that extends over Dike Road. The city manager concluded the update, stating that Huell White is working on a strategic action plan for the Chapman Landing park project.

2.2 General Updates

Huell White provided the Public Works update in Director Dave Sukau's absence. Public Works is continuing its routine maintenance of parks, with the only notable update being the imminent continuation of construction and landscaping at Chief Concomly Park.

J.J. Duehren mentioned that the CZ Trail Committee looks like it will address some public safety issues for pedestrian crossings over the Scappoose-Vernonia Highway. Additionally, the CZ Trail Committee is considering purchasing some property near Knott Street – specifically a 300-foot access connection for the trail. J.J. Duehren mentioned that the CZ Trail could become a potential driver for eco-tourism to South Columbia County, especially if a connection with the Vernonia trail could be made. Duehren provided that Sauvie's Island draws one million visitors annually – something that the CZ Trail could draw upon.

Alyse Collins mentioned that the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife owns the portion of Sauvie's Island directly across the Willamette Channel from Chapman Landing. The Audubon Society has been heavily involved in wildlife preservation on that portion of Sauvie's Island. Dana Pricher added that potential multi-day overnight parking at locations near Chapman Landing for those who are interested in longer hikes along the CZ Trail could be an attracting opportunity.

2.3 Friends of Scappoose Parks Update

Dana Pricher gave the update on Friends of Scappoose Parks (FSP). The City, FSP, Scappoose Library, and the Community Club are putting together an Earth Day Festival for April 20th. The event will include a number of activities, including turning on the Heritage Park fountain with artist Michael Curry, children's activities, educational booths by a variety of organizations, volunteer Earth Day projects, a local band called The Big River Big Band concert, and a food truck. Dana Pricher and Huell White asked if the Committee would be interested in hosting a booth to inform the public about and get feedback on the Chapman Landing park conceptual plan. The working group is in the process of getting donations of native plant species from local nurseries and coordinating with the Garden Club on the types of plantings that should be done. Dana mentioned that signs for the event will be up shortly and getting flyers out around the city.



2.3 City Council Goals

Huell White and city manager Michael Sykes introduced the adopted City Council goals for FY 19-20. The city manager reiterated that these goals outline the scope of work that city staff will undertake for the coming year.

Dana Pricher asked about the railroad corridor study update. The city manager mentioned that the City has been in discussions with the railroad and the Port of Columbia County about getting a trail plan along the railroad to mitigate pedestrian challenges with two particular crossings in mind. It would include a fence, and the City has asked the Port to pay for the trail. Currently, the City is discussing options with the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT), as they own a large portion of the right-of-way along either side of the railroad tracks, but the City does have a lease and is exploring the value of said lease.

The city manager also mentioned the recent Annual Town Meeting, which was focused on sidewalks and streets and the potential funding mechanisms. Dana Pricher asked about an urban trail network (i.e. sidewalk component). Bryan Hammond asked about what the next steps are for the transportation improvements (both sidewalks and streets are included as such) and the funding mechanisms.

Dana Pricher asked staff about the Vista trail plan introduced at the February 21st Committee meeting. Huell White reminded members that the City Council will have a work session on that topic on April 15th. Councilor Haugen stated that the goal as it relates the Vista concept is to ease the project along, as there is some resistance to the project. Much of the current resistance stems from the lack of parking at the Vista property, leading visitors to park in the adjacent neighborhoods.

Meeting adjourned at 6:54 PM.

Announcements

The meeting was adjourned 7:00 pm. The next meeting will be held on April 18th, 2019 in City Council Chambers at 6:00 pm.

For questions about these minutes, contact Huell White, 503-543-7184 or hwhite@cityofscappoose.org

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