



## **Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes**

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

**April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019 6:00 pm – 6:45 pm**

### **Attendees:**

Bryan Hammond, Councilor Joel Haugen, Lindsey Goodwick, Cara Heinze, Alyse Collins, Pete McHugh, Dana Pricher, Huell White, Anna Del Savio, two St. Helens High School students

### **Absent:**

Committee Chair Dave Powers, Kristin Persons, J.J. Duehren, Alex Rains, Dave Sukau

1. **CALL TO ORDER** - The meeting was called to order at 6:11 p.m. by Committee Co-chair Pete McHugh.

1.1 No additions made to the agenda.

1.2 Meeting minutes from the 03.21 meeting were approved without modification.

1.3 Public comments – Three members of the public attended. St. Helens Citizenship class requires students to attend public meetings. Attendees offered no comment other than stating the reasons for their presence.

2. **City Updates and Discussion**

#### **2.1 City Updates**

Huell White provided parks updates for the Committee. Public Works is resuming work on Chief Concomly Park – the only major elements remaining are landscaping and installation of the playground equipment. Most of the work on the park should be completed in June to early July, with a few weeks lag time before opening the park to the public to allow the landscaping vegetation to take. Public Works has also made significant progress in cleaning up CZ Trail from E. Columbia Avenue to Chapman Landing. Public Works also cleared the flower bed on the West side of the Heritage Park fountain to prepare it for the Earth Day Festival volunteer planting project.

#### **2.2 General Updates**

Councilor Haugen provided an update on the Vista Trail Concept from Council's work session on the subject with Dan Miller from the National Park Service. He stated that the Council does not see any impediments with the project, as the Council was very enthusiastic about it. However, the only two pertinent issues at this juncture are: (1) how parking will be



handled for the Vista property, as none currently exists; (2) whether the proposed bicycle amenities get promoted earlier on due to the structural configuration of the property and the intention for mixed use between hikers and mountain bikers.

Pete McHugh informed the Committee that the Chess tournament was successful, however, there was difficulty in finding enough participants for the actual tournament. McHugh is in the process of writing a grant proposal for a more regular annual event. Furthermore, McHugh has been in discussions with the Scappoose High School Principal and intends to partner with the Scappoose School Board. White mentioned that the Economic Development Committee is also interested in identifying and/or establishing some sort of Scappoose “signature” events.

### **2.3 Friends of Scappoose Parks Update**

Dana Pricher discussed the upcoming Earth Day Festival for April 20. The festival is to mark the significance of Earth Day, the transfer of Chapman Landing to the City of Scappoose, and the restarting of the fountain for the season. There are several children’s activities that will be available by the Scappoose Library, the Dolly Parton Imagination Library, Science Teacher Kristin Persons, and an art activity with Johnathan Tardiff. Friends of Scappoose Parks has solicited and received donated plants worth nearly \$1,000 to re-do the garden bed around the Heritage Park fountain. The Big River Big Band – a local ensemble – will provide live music for the event, and Joanna Story (Jo’s Grub Shack and Bakery) will be operating her food truck in the City Hall parking lot. Pricher and White encouraged Committee members to attend the event and show their support.

Pricher also mentioned that FSP is coordinating with Public Works on some small service projects for the summer. FSP is also considering different fundraising mechanisms, such as soliciting donations for adopt-a-park-type scenarios. The grand opening for Chief Concomly Park will be an important event for the Parks Committee and FSP. Lastly, FSP gathered half a dozen individuals on the last Saturday of March to clear blackberry bushes around the Scappoose North end welcome sign.

### **Announcements**

**The meeting was adjourned 6:44 pm. The next meeting will be held on May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019 in City Council Chambers at 6:00 pm.**

For questions about these minutes, contact Huell White, 503-543-7184 or [hwhite@cityofscappoose.org](mailto:hwhite@cityofscappoose.org)

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