



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

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

**May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019 6:00 pm – 6:45 pm**

### **Attendees:**

Alyse Lansing, J.J. Duehren, Lindsey Goodwick, Bryan Hammond, Councilor Joel Haugen, Cara Heinze, Pete McHugh, Doug Nassimbene, Kristin Persons, David Powers, Alex Rains, Huell White, three members of the public

### **Absent:**

None

1. **CALL TO ORDER** - The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by Committee Chair David Powers.

1.1 No additions made to the agenda.

1.2 Meeting minutes from the 04.18 meeting were approved without modification.

1.3 Public comments – Three members of the public attended. No public comment was provided.

2. **City Updates and Discussion**

#### **2.1 City Updates**

Public Works Field Services Supervisor Doug Nassimbene provided the City update. Public Works has been mowing quite frequently the past month at all City parks. More blackberry mitigation was conducted along CZ Trail. The Heritage fountain has been turned back on since Earth Day. Painting of the Watts House is currently underway and is scheduled to be completed in June. The Concomly playground is nearly complete, once the concrete footings settle. Public Works is hoping that the park will be ready by late July. The Vista property has also received some maintenance attention.

#### **2.2 Earth Day Festival Update**

Dana Pricher reported that the Earth Day Festival was successful. Approximately 20 volunteers helped with the main planting project around the fountain. Pricher reported that



close to 100 people attended the event throughout the day. The Heritage Fountain ceremony was the key feature of the event. The Big River Big Band played for over an hour and was incredibly well received by those in attendance. Friends of Scappoose Parks (FSP), the Scappoose Library, and the City of Scappoose had a debrief last week about what went well, what could be done better, and how the event should be planned for April 2020. Cara Heinze – who registered volunteers at the event – mentioned that her husband went around the city center to pick up trash but reported that he found almost none. Pricher also mentioned that FSP does have a few more service project ideas in the works and will be applying to the City's Community Enhancement Program Grant on June 3, 2019. Pete McHugh asked what the CEP grant would fund, to which Pricher replied that the funds would cover materials, supplies, signs, and advertising.

### **2.3 Election of New Committee Chair**

Powers announced that he would be resigning from the Committee effective immediately. Powers discussed the fact that he has had trouble attending the last few minutes because of an increasing amount of time spent out-of-state. He recommended to the Committee that things like fundraising and identifying a funding source(s) should be the key priority of the Committee in the coming fiscal year. Powers also mentioned that there are a lot of opportunities for the community right now, especially with Chapman Landing now within the City's jurisdiction.

Councilor Haugen congratulated Powers for his years of service, and City Staff Liaison Huell White presented Powers with a recognition plaque on behalf of the City. Powers raised the question as to who would like to become the new chairperson or for nominations. Lindsey Goodwick asked Powers to describe what leadership means for the Committee chair. Powers elaborated that leadership in the Committee's context means drawing members in, steering meetings, and drawing out the skills and talents of all the Committee's members.

No one immediately volunteered to be the new chairperson. McHugh and Alyse Lansing both nominated Cara Heinze, to which J.J. Duehren agreed, mentioning that Heinze has great qualities to be an effective chairperson for the Committee. In response to the nominations, Heinze stated that she was interested in the position. The Committee held a motion to approve the election of Cara Heinze to become chair of the Committee. The motion passed unanimously.

### **2.4 Need for Additional Committee Members**

Powers asked the Committee if more Committee members need to be recruited. Duehren questioned whether the Committee needs another person, but that there is ample opportunity to find qualified candidates. White stated that given Beth Zelfer's resignation,



Goodwick's ascension to regular member, and Powers' retirement – the Committee needs at least one regular member and up to two alternate members. Duehren also discussed the Chapman Landing AdHoc Committee, and Heinze stated that FSP should be a core focus of the Committee.

White mentioned that there was a public relations official from Columbia County at the Earth Day Festival that lives in Scappoose and expressed a keen interest in parks and FSP's work. Haugen reiterated the need for more potential members to be lined up in order to mitigate more retirements from the Committee. McHugh mentioned that the Committee really needs someone from the Scappoose School District represented on the committee, to enhance cooperation and coordination with the District. He also discussed coordinating with the District would aid the Committee in focusing on recreation opportunities. Haugen stated that he had discussed the matter with Acting Superintendent Paul Peterson, who is interested in becoming a liaison for the Committee. McHugh informed the Committee that the District has a new facilities director and a new superintendent who is also interested in getting involved with the Parks Committee. Heinze mentioned that she will contact the new athletic director from the District to see if they would be interested. Duehren talked about potentially getting someone from Portland Community College (PCC) involved on the Committee. McHugh recommended that Committee members come to the next meeting with updates and a list of potential candidates. Assistant to the City Manager Alex Rains discussed the applicant search process, insofar that any candidates will have to apply and then be appointed by the Mayor.

### **Closing Statements**

Duehren raised the issue of potential funding sources for Chapman Landing, such as the Audobon Society that has done work on Sauvie Island. White and Rains talked about the preliminary engineering/planning work that needs to be done for Chapman Landing before seeking out large grants. The City Engineer is doing some of that preliminary work, but the City has set aside money in the coming fiscal year for getting that engineering work paid completed. In response to Lansing's question about permitting happening simultaneously, Rains replied that all engineering work must be completed before permits are sought (of which there will be several from different agencies).

Powers strongly encouraged that the Committee look at kayaking support for Chapman Landing, and that several groups have advised against mixing kayaks and motorized craft. Furthermore, private businesses already support motorized craft at the marinas in South Columbia County. Pricher made a plug for the upcoming FSP clean-up day and meeting on May 25, 9:00 a.m. at Cathedral Coffee.



#### **Announcements**

**The meeting was adjourned 6:42 pm. The next meeting will be held on June 20<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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