



SCAPPOOSE
Oregon

Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes

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

June 20th, 2019 6:00 pm – 6:45 pm

Attendees:

Cara Heinze, Dana Pricher, Bryan Hammond, Kristin Person, Councilor Joel Haugen, Alex Rains, Huell White

Absent:

Alyse Lansing, J.J. Duehren, Lindsey Goodwick, Pete McHugh

1. **CALL TO ORDER** - The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Committee Chair Cara Heinze.

1.1 Due to the absences, the Local Fuel Tax presentation was cancelled.

1.2 Meeting minutes from the 05.16 **could not** be approved, as the four absences did not allow for a quorum.

1.3 Public comments – none.

2. **City Updates and Discussion**

2.1 City Updates

Huell White delivered the Public Works update. General maintenance continues to be conducted at all parks. CZ Trail has been regularly cleaned by city crews. Park rules signs have been installed at Chapman Landing. Heritage Park has seen a marked uptick in activities being scheduled or reserved. The Watts House painting has been completed. Chief Concomly is nearly complete and will be dedicated and open to the public on July 26th at 11:30 AM. Public Works also emphasized that all park restrooms are now locked at night due to ongoing issues with vandalism. White also mentioned that City staff has submitted a grant application to the Travel Oregon Small Grants program for CZ Trailhead amenities for approximately \$12,000, including the City's 10% cash match. The proposal calls for new benches, picnic tables, an informational kiosk, a bike repair station, and a bike rack to be installed at the CZ Trailhead parking area at West Lane that will be developed in the Fall of 2019.



2.2 Potential Cancellation of future meetings due to Summer absences

Committee Chair Cara Heinze emphasized the importance of discussing this topic and asked Committee members for their input. Several absences are planned that will prevent several members from attending, therefore the Committee figured best that the July regular meeting should be cancelled. However, the Committee is interested in having a less formal summer get-together over lunch and an outdoor activity. Heinze and Councilor Haugen will work to organize that event.

2.3 Committee Bylaws Updates for term limits

Newly elected Chair Heinze and Alyse Lansing both have terms expiring in August 2019. Some terms were shortened in 2018 so that only one third of the Committee's seats would be open in a given year. Given the difficulty of finding community members to serve on a weekday City committee, staff recommended amending the SPRC Bylaws to allow for two additional consecutive terms for a total of four possible terms. The Economic Development Committee recently encountered the same situation – City staff recommended similar bylaw amendments to the EDC. Heinze stated that she would like to continue serving. Lansing was absent and could therefore not give verbal confirmation of her intention to continue serving. City staff will reach out to Lansing and inquire as to her intentions for Committee membership.

2.4 Search for additional committee members update

City Recorder Susan Reeves will advertise the Committee openings. White mentioned that he will share those materials with FSP and the Parks Committee as well, in case they know individuals that might be interested in applying.

2.5 Scappoose Trees Walking Tour Discussion

White mentioned a contact he recently made that manages educational and outreach programs for trees. Her title and details are as follows: City of Portland, Parks and Recreation, Urban Forestry Division, Clare Carney, Outreach and Stewardship Coordinator

Councilor Haugen mentioned that Chris Negelspace had given him the idea about doing some sort of walking tour of Scappoose. Haugen has developed some draft plans of the walking tours for folks to follow, which would serve the dual purpose of education and recreation. Dana Pricher stated that it might be possible to design a pamphlet/map to accompany the walking tour and mentioned that such a project could be worked on and developed by the Committee with City approval. Heinze asked the Committee if it would be



possible to work in some sort of fundraising mechanism, to which Pricher replied that fundraising could be an element.

White mentioned a contact that he made with the City of Portland's Urban Forestry Division – Clare

2.6 Local Fuel Tax Presentation – Cancelled

2.7 Friends of Scappoose Parks Update

FSP was awarded \$1,600 through the City's Community Enhancement Program. The funds can be used to leverage grants and do programming. Pricher will be out of town in August and has cancelled the service project for that month. The local Boy Scout troop is looking for projects to assist the community with. Pricher requested input from the Committee as to what FSP should focus on for the coming year, including fundraising efforts for Chapman Landing, the Vista property concepts/proposal, organizing scavenger hunts in and around our parks, and park events. Pricher also brought up that the Committee should consider meeting with Harpers Playground about ADA accessible playground equipment.

Heinze asked the Committee if should coordinate with the City on what the future goals/plans are and how SPRC and FSP can support those goals. Heinze suggested that goal identification should be a part of the September FSP meeting. Pricher requested more direction from the City. White will work with Pricher and the City Manager to organize a coordination meeting.

Pricher mentioned that SPRC and FSP need to think much larger for Chapman Landing fundraising to reach well beyond Scappoose to raise funds, such as a gala or auction. Heinze mentioned "Hit Machine" at The Lake House in Scappoose. That particular venue and group has local and regional notoriety, which could be instrumental in developing some sort of large-scale recurring and formal fundraising event. The Committee expressed a keen interest in the idea. Additionally, Councilor Haugen stated that the idea sounds great and aligns with City Council goals for developing and hosting community events.

Closing Statements

Councilor Haugen mentioned that he and the City Manager met with Tumblewheel Studios, who had requested \$3,900 and were awarded \$2,300 from the Community Enhancement Program. The organization is run by an artist couple from the NW College of Arts. Jenna works for an arts consortium and has experience around the United States. Jenna is really



interested in developing a dedicated art space in Scappoose. They have art equipment to donate for the space. Additionally, they develop structures for sanctioned graffiti art, something that Haugen mentioned might be suitable for Chapman Landing. The School District has some shop space that is currently available at Scappoose Middle School, as their shop classes have been eliminated. The Scappoose Community Center (formerly Senior Center) has space available as well. Haugen also mentioned that FSP might be able to be a party of this. They are also interested in teaching and providing after school programming. Ultimately, Tumblewheel Studios is looking for a dedicated space and assistance with coordinating with different partners. White mentioned that Johnnie Tardif, from the Earth Day Festival, is also interested in after school art programming. Tardif was looking to get connected with organizations working on similar programming to coordinate efforts.

Announcements

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 pm. The next meeting will be held on August 15th, 2019 in City Council Chambers at 6:00 pm.

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

This meeting will be conducted in an ADA accessible room. If special accommodations are needed, please contact City Recorder Susan Reeves at 503-543-7146, Ext. 224. TTY 503-378-5938