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Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes

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

February 20th, 2020 6:00 pm – 6:45 pm

Attendees:

Cara Heinze, Lindsey Goodwick, Bryan Hammond, Alyse Lansing, Kristin Person, JJ Duehren, Dana Pricher, Councilor Joel Haugen, Doug Nassimbene, Alex Rains, Huell White

Absent: Alyse Lansing, Kim Holmes-Kantrowitz

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

1.1 Review Agenda

Dana asked to include Earth Day planning update and Park Needs. The inclusions were unanimously approved.

1.2 Approval of prior meeting minutes

Meeting minutes from 01.16.2020 were approved unanimously.

1.3 Public comment

None

2. **City Updates and Discussion**

2.1 City Update

Public Works Field Supervisor Doug Nassimbene provided the City Update. Doug mentioned that this is the slow season as far as park maintenance and groundskeeping is concerned, however, by mid-March mowing will increase substantially. New lighting has been installed at Heritage Park's playground, but they have not yet been turned on. Miller Park will have lighting installed soon.

2.2 Property purchase



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Huell White shared with the Committee more detail about the Intent to Purchase agreement with Bart Grabhorn for the appx. nine (9) acre parcel north of Veteran's Park. The sale is slated to occur at the end of the current fiscal year. Huell stated that this property is intended to serve the following purposes: 1) Primary purpose – future pool space on the western side of the parcel which is *not* in the floodplain or floodway; 2) Secondary purpose – to provide space for recreational field development in the portion of the property that lies in the floodplain and floodway; 3) Lastly – frontage for a future Scappoose Creek Trail.

Huell reiterated that this parcel is not currently in the Parks Master Plan. Before any development can occur at the site, a public input process must be undertaken to add the project to the master plan. Huell and Alex emphasized that the potential options for the site are limited due to the need to include a pool and the current floodplain and floodway maps that cover more than two-thirds of the property. Lastly, Huell stated that it is vital that public input process be solicited to ensure that everyone (the public, community organizations, the Committee, and Council) has the opportunity to weigh-in.

A discussion of what the next steps should be as it relates the pool fund ensued. Dana mentioned that the City should consider developing a realistic financial analysis of what different pool options would look like, in order to understand both the capital *and* operating costs for a public pool. Huell did remind attendees that the pool fund was established by a voter-led ballot initiative – any change to the requirements of the pool fund would require a new ballot initiative.

The Committee voted unanimously to amend their first goal recommendation from last meeting to read "Explore Pool Fund Use."

2.3 Public Art Update

Cara shared with the Committee the research that she has done about public art. An artist-acquaintance of Cara's shared the idea of having an 8' x 10' block of concrete with a design that essentially functions like a large coloring book for chalk. Cara's research indicated that such an installation would be relatively low maintenance and low cost – a couple of thousand dollars at most. The 80 sq. ft. concrete pad would be multi-purpose (such that it would fit a standard pop up tent for events) and reusable. Lindsey thanked Cara for the time and effort that she's taken to dive into something related to public art that is realistic, functional, and feasible.

2.4 Park Needs

Dana shared with the group the tour of the City's park facilities that she went on with the Public Works Director. The City is weighing which of the competing priorities should be proposed for the FY 2020-2021 budget. Dana reported what the Director had mentioned for each of the parks:

Miller Park – Natural play area, potential sidewalk through Miller to the play area, trees to provide shade, and bike racks



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Veteran's Park – Shade, bike racks, plantings

Creekview Park – ADA access, basic park amenities (this pocket park is currently completely unimproved)

Concomly Park – Public art

Vista Property – Parking, signage

Cara asked the what the City needs from the Committee. Dana replied that it is recommendations for decision points that the City needs from the Committee. Lindsey stated that accessibility and inclusivity must be a top priority for Scappoose's park system going forward, as park accessibility to those living with disabilities is virtually nonexistent in Scappoose. Dana weighed in that she thinks the immediate small priorities that are feasible are bike racks, natural plantings and landscaping. Kristen mentioned that shade should be a top concern, especially since many of the families with small children that visit the parks in the summer have difficulty staying cool. JJ commented that artistic bike racks might be a way for two objectives to be completed simultaneously – both functional and artistic. Councilor Haugen mentioned that he ran into a group of kayakers on the CZ Trail that had asked about the potential for a temporary kayak launch/dock at Chapman Landing.

2.5 Earth Day

Out of respect for everyone's time, Lindsey kept this segment brief – Earth Day is planned for Saturday, April 18th; anyone that would like to volunteer or lend support in some manner should contact her or attend the Earth Day coordination meetings.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:01 pm. The next meeting will be held on March 19th, 2020 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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