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

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

**June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020 6:00 pm – 6:45 pm**

**\*Some members attending via conference call**

### **Attendees:**

Cara Heinze, Ivy Freimuth, Michael Leipzig, Bryan Hammond, Alyse Lansing, Kristin Person, JJ Duehren, Dana Pricher, Councilor Joel Haugen, Alex Rains, Huell White

**Absent:** Lindsey Goodwick

1. **CALL TO ORDER** - The meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm by Chair Cara Heinze. Cara took roll call given that some members were in attendance virtually.

#### **1.1 Review Agenda**

Huell asked to change Item 2.4 to “Grabhorn Property Update” and move it to the beginning of the agenda. Motioned by Dana, seconded by Bryan. Motion approved unanimously.

#### **1.2 Approval of prior meeting minutes**

Meeting minutes from February 20<sup>th</sup> were modified to include Dana Pricher due to a mistake in the listed attendees. JJ motioned, Dana seconded, motion to approve the minutes with modification approved unanimously.

#### **1.3 Public comment**

None

2. **City Updates and Discussion**

#### **2.1 Grabhorn Property Update**

Alex discussed the high-level design and overview of the conceptual design work that the City has contracted with a consultant for. At this stage, the conceptual design work is intended to give an idea of what is possible at the site. Unfortunately, what the City has learned is that the site is quite more restrictive than was originally thought due to cut-fill balance restrictions because of the property’s location in a floodplain. Additionally, space on the property needs to



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be set aside for the pool facility (to be built at a later date), connection road between Roger Kucera Way and EJ Smith Road, and parking. Alex mentioned that the road connection through this area was identified by the City's Transportation System Plan in 2016. Alex added that staff was hoping to have the conceptual design ready to share with the Committee, however, the engineering team had a delay recently, and therefore the plan has not yet been completed. Alex is almost certain the plan should be ready to share with the Committee by the next meeting in July.

Dana asked how public comment, or an open house event will work for the project, and what component the pool will play. Alex responded that staff is still working out how that public process will work, as it will be a requirement to add the project to the Parks Master Plan. As for the pool, Alex explained that there are both medium- and long-term funding priorities for the property – space on the property will be set aside for the pool while the City accrues funding for its actual construction at a later date. Dana asked if there could be an opportunity to provide input on options for how to use that set aside space until there is funding available for the pool's construction. Alex mentioned that staff could certainly make that a part of the conversation as to how we proceed with involving the public, however, she cautioned that the City's hands are tied to some extent because of the pool funding and floodplain restrictions.

JJ expressed frustration at the fact that the City purchased park land located within the floodplain. Alex stated that the City was aware the property was in a floodplain, just as was the case with both Veterans and Concomly, it is what made those locations ideal for public recreational use. What the City had realized is that the property would be rather restricted beyond the pool site, road, and parking. While building enclosed structures is not *impossible* in a floodplain, it can be cost-prohibitive.

JJ asked if it will be possible to have seasonal events on the property. Alex mentioned that it has been the City's intention to have a combined sports field which could be multi-use, yet the design is still very conceptual at this moment. JJ had suggested the idea of an amphitheatre as something that might work with the terrain of the site, Dana mentioned the idea of a splash pad, and Cara raised the idea of an outdoor pool – all of which could be discussed once the conceptual design is completed, as that will give an idea as to the terrain limitations.

## **2.2 Introduce New Members**

Cara asked the new members to introduce themselves and discuss what attracted them to serve on the Parks Committee. Ivy Freimuth introduced herself, who learned of the opening from her husband who serves on Planning Commission. The Freimuths' children love visiting Scappoose's parks, and figured it was a great opportunity to give back to the community.

Michael Leipzig introduced himself. Michael grew up in Scappoose but left for Southern California for university. While in college, Michael worked for a parks and recreation district.



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After moving back to Scappoose, Michael again became interested in getting involved and recently learned about the need for more members on the Committee.

## **2.3 Member Terms**

Huell reminded the Committee that three members' terms – Bryan, Alyse, and Lindsey – expire in August 2020. He mentioned that if those members would like to continue serving, to let staff know prior to the next meeting. Additionally, election of Chair and Vice Chair is scheduled for the Economic Development Committee – Huell will check to see if the same is the case with Parks.

## **2.4 Public Works Update**

Huell delivered the Public Works update. Public Works has been hard at work during this season, including:

- General parks maintenance
- Lighting at Miller and for the Heritage playground
- New sidewalk around Heritage playground
- Bathroom remodel for Miller and Heritage
- Groundskeeping maintenance at Watts House
- Mowing at all parks and along the dike
- Watts House porch rehabilitation project is complete
- Site furnishings for Trtek Trailhead have been ordered, some equipment has arrived

## **3.0 Announcements**

Huell mentioned that the Heritage fountain will remain closed for the foreseeable future, due to State mandates pursuant to the COVID-19 pandemic. Additionally, the parks reservation system will remain closed, as State guidance and mandates have continued to change regarding group/event size.

Dana mentioned that the giant hogweed along Scappoose Creek at Veterans needs to be addressed ASAP before they flower and spread out of control. Dana also said she has seen poison oak near the water tower. Dana mentioned that some of the Friends of Parks have been out weeding in random parks and helped do some plantings at the Fire Department with donated plants. Meetings of the Friends has been severely hampered by the pandemic and subsequent effects. It remains to be seen what sort of plans Friends will have going forward through the summer season.

Bryan mentioned that the Boy Scouts are very interested in coordinating/fundraising for bike rack artwork. Bryan is going to follow up on this lead and bring more information before the Committee. Ivy mentioned that she also is associated with the local Girl Scouts troop that would like to work on some volunteer projects.



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JJ mentioned that *Movies in the Park* event series is slated to start on July 17 in conjunction with the Library District. JJ has been working on the logistics so as to keep the event compliant with social distancing regulations and provide an opportunity for folks to get outside.

**The meeting was adjourned at 6:48 pm. The next meeting will be held on July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020 in City Council Chambers at 6:00 pm.**

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