

Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes

August 20th, 2020 6:00 pm – 6:45 pm

Meeting held virtually via telephone and web conference

Attendees:

Cara Heinze, Michael Leipzig, Lindsey Goodwick, Bryan Hammond, Alyse Lansing, Kristin Person, Dana Pricher, Kim Holmes-Kantrowitz, Councilor Joel Haugen, Councilor Pete McHugh, Huell White

Absent: JJ Duehren

1. <u>CALL TO ORDER</u> - The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Chair Cara Heinze. Cara took roll call given that all members were in attendance virtually.

1.1 Review Agenda

Cara asked to add the topic of a community library box (mini-library) that was proposed by a local girl scout that wanted the Committee's input.

1.2 Approval of prior meeting minutes

July 16th meeting minutes were approved unanimously and without modification.

1.3 Public comment

None

2. City Updates and Discussion

2.1 2020-2021 Team Agreement

Huell gave an overview of the purpose of the Team Agreement and asked Cara to propose a vote. The 2020-2021 Team Agreement was approved unanimously.

2.2 Public Works Update

Huell delivered the Public Works Update. Public Works continues through the busy season maintaining and trimming vegetation at all parks, including the Crown Z Trail and Chapman Landing. Veterans, Heritage, and Miller Parks have all had cedar chips added to their playgrounds to increase the fall level. A large tree did fall in Heritage Park – the tree had



seemingly split in half. Field crews removed the remaining portion of the tree due to safety concerns.

2.3 Mask Art Project

Councilor Haugen provided an update on the Scappoose Face Mask Contest. Haugen asked Huell if the contest flyer was going to be posted on the City's Facebook page, website, and newsletter. Huell mentioned that the flyer was slated to go out in the newsletter and that the City Recorder would also be posting the information online. Huell also agreed to send out the flyer to the Committee's members so that they could share at their own discretion. The members also discussed options for prizes for the winners of the contest – several of whom agreed to work on finding/soliciting prize donations.

2.5 Pickle Ball Courts Presentation

Councilor McHugh delivered a presentation on pickle ball and pickle ball courts. Pickle ball is an outdoor activity similar to a scaled-up version of table tennis that is designed to be playable by a wide range of varying ages and skill levels. According to McHugh's research, pickle ball has become immensely popular over the last few years. Different types of surfaces can be used to construct pickle ball courts – which are generally far less expensive than tennis courts.

Several members expressed enthusiasm for pickle ball. Some members were also concerned about whether or not pickle ball fits under the parks master plan – the guiding document for the City's park system. The issue of having multiple concurrent, yet small, park amenity ideas was also raised. Huell discussed what capital projects are and the process by which such projects are factored into the City's budget development process. Huell proposed that it might be prudent of the Committee to keep track of the various small park improvement ideas – something that Committee members could independently research, present findings, and decide on which projects should be recommended to the City Council during budget season early next calendar year. Huell stated that he would develop a tracking form and propose it to the Committee at the next meeting – Kim Holmes-Kantrowitz offered assistance with the form.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm. The next meeting will be held on July 16th, 2020 in a virtual setting at 6:00 pm.

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