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Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes

Virtual Meeting

March 18, 2021 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Attendees: Cara Heinze, Kim Holmes-Kantrowitz, Michael Leipzig, Paul Fidrych, Dana Pricher, Bryan Hammond, Ivy Freimuth, Mary Hindal, Elizabeth Church, Andrew Lafrenz, Joel Haugen, Huell White, Isaac Butman, Matthew Virosteck, Mike Virosteck, Laura Virosteck

Absent: JJ Duerhen

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 by Chair Cara Heinze.

1.1. Review Agenda

Liz made a motion to approve the February 18, 2021 meeting minutes. Kim seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Huell stated that Joel may be late. Isaac stated that Joel did want to add an agenda item, but that it can be added in as the meeting goes on.

1.2. Approval of Minutes

Paul made a motion to approve the Agenda. Kim seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

1.3. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

2. Old Business

2.1. Staff Update/ Public Work Update

Huell gave the staff/Public Works update. Council held Grabhorn Park Ad Hoc Committee interviews on March 1, and some appointments were made. Further interviews are scheduled for March 15 for the remaining positions (Softball, neighborhood, and At-large positions). This means that those meetings will all shift back one meeting and that the Committee may add an extra meeting at the end to compensate for missing the first meeting.

City Council approved the pool cost survey, which is now live on the website and posted on Facebook, it will also go out in paper form in the Newsletter that will be delivered at the end of April.

Public Works is moving into spring operations. Mowers will begin coming out as the weather becomes drier. Public Works is working on acquiring and planting more trees for Veterans and Miller park.

Dana stated that Friends of Scappoose parks is partnering with the Scappoose Bay Watershed Council to do ivy pulling and blackberry removal in preparation for fall planting at Creek View Park. They would like to partner with the City to clear blackberries along Chief Concomly Park and have created treatment plan for the invasive weeds there. Tuesday workdays will continue through June and July.



Isaac followed up on a query about the number of Committee Members meeting that constitute a public meeting. If a quorum of members meets, the meeting becomes a public meeting and must be noticed as such.

2.2. Skate Park Beautification – Matthew and Mike Virosteck

Matthew presented his final proposal for the beautification of the Skate Park and asked if there was any feedback from the Committee about his final presentation. Matthew stated that he wants to do his pressure washing prior to or during spring break and mentioned that the colors have changed from the last presentation. A few minor graphical additions and changes have been made as well.

Cara asked what the next steps for the Committee is. Huell stated that a recommendation to Council would be appropriate given the very visible and impactful nature of the project. This could happen on March 5, and that Council may have questions given the public nature of the project, and the changes since the last time they heard from Matthew about his project.

Andrew asked how the graphics will be applied. Matthew stated they will be gridding the site and stenciled so that they can ensure that things look correct before they paint. Andrew stated he would like to see the project phasing so that Council can see what will be completed when.

Kim mentioned that perhaps local business may be willing to sponsor this endeavor, and asked City Staff if there was a way to recognize the donors. Huell stated possibly but that he will have to get back to the Committee.

Dana stated that it would be great to see the folks who use the park involved with the work and/or donations as well. Cara stated that the project looks fantastic, and it is clear that Mathew has worked quite hard on the project, and cannot wait to see what it looks like, and asked for a motion.

Multiple members made a motion to recommend Matthews project to City Council for approval. Bryan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. New Business

3.1. Grabhorn Park Ad Hoc Committee

Huell stated that the Council and Mayor interviewed the remaining applicants and will be making the final appointments on April 5, which will shift GPAHC meetings back one meeting date. Huell stated that Isaac is updating the website for GPAHC and has created a public comment form. Huell mentioned that the city cannot distribute packets until all members are appointed to the Committee, but that Staff is preparing for the meetings like they normally would.

Huell stated that because of public records laws, having an online forum for coordination, creation, and/or communication would be problematic, and that the GPAHC will have to



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operate under the current meeting situation, but is free to meet in smaller groups as other Committees do, and reminded the Committee that decisions will need to be made during regular public meetings.

Huell stated that because of the size of the first meeting packet and the related printing costs the meeting materials will be distributed electronically. If there is a need for special printing the City can do that.

There was a question about the appointments to the Ad Hoc Committee. Isaac stated Jim Lykins was appointed to represent the Dog Park, Rocky Schwalge was appointed to represent the Soccer Club, and Nicole Ferreira was appointed to represent the Scappoose Bay Watershed Council. Joel added that there were many more applicants than they could take but that council is going to invite the non-appointed applicants to participate in the GPAHC meetings as members of the public to try and keep them involved and allow their expertise and voices to be heard during the process.

4. General Discussion

- 4.1.** Joel stated that the 100-year celebration will include a 10k/5k walk/run at the event that will memorialize some of the youth from Scappoose that have passed recently and asked if the SPRC would be willing to sponsor or be involved in this event.

Kim stated that she liked the idea of the run and asked if there was a way to highlight some of the parks around the city during the run. Joel responded that the tentative route passes Heritage Park, along Crown Z, to Miller Park, down to Chapman Landing, and back to the Highschool. Kim asked if/how the SPRC can sponsor the run. Huell replied that there is no budget set aside for the SPRC. Joel stated that the SPRC could help find sponsors.

Cara asked what the Committee thought about sponsoring this event with so much going on during the next few months. Kim stated that exploring it would be fine, and noted that the SPRC is strong on parks, but not as strong on recreation opportunities, and this is a good opportunity to expand in that area.

Cara asked for this item to be added to the next SPRC agenda.

Dana stated that this is a very big undertaking and cautioned that the SPRC not take it on as a single group as that can easily lead to volunteer burnout. Dana suggested that a group like the Cross-Country Team run the event, and that the SPRC and Council should support them if needed.

Paul asked if there is a list of projects the SPRC is working on, and asked what the process is to recommend or add new projects. Cara mentioned the project tracking document that the Committee is working on and the Committee Goals the Committee adopted. Isaac stated that he would forward that information to the new members of the SPRC.

The committee and staff had a short conversation about how the City Budget and funding system works, and how the SPRC can recommend that funds be used in the coming years. Huell reminded the Committee that the SPRC does not have budget authority of their own. Dana



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stated that early in the fiscal year is the best time to pursue these things through proposals to Council. Huell stated there is limited funding for capital improvement projects in the current budget.

5. Announcements and Next Meetings

Next Meetings

- May 20, 2021
- June 17, 2021
- July 15, 2021

Meeting Adjourned at 7:07 pm.

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