



**SCAPPOOSE**  
*Oregon*

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

### **Hybrid Meeting**

**November 18, 2021 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm**

**Attendees:** Cara Heinze, Chair; Bryan Hammond, Member; Andrew Lafrenz, Member; JJ Duehren, Member; Michael Leipzig, Member; Paul Fidrych, Member; Mary Hindal, Member; Joel Haugen, Scappoose City Council Liaison; Huell Whitehaus, Assistant to Public Works Director, City of Scappoose

**Absent:** Kim Holmes-Kantrowitz, Vice Chair

#### **1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 by Chair Cara Heinze.

##### **1.1. Review Agenda**

JJ made a motion to approve the November 18, 2021, Agenda, seconded by Andrew. Motion passed unanimously.

##### **1.2. Prior Meeting Minutes**

JJ made a motion to approve the October 21, 2021, meeting minutes. Bryan seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

##### **1.3. Public Comment – None**

#### **2. New Business**

**2.1. ARPA Funds** – Cara mentioned that there had been some back and forth about the eligibility of projects for ARPA funds between members of the Committee and City staff. Cara emphasized the need to prove disproportional impact due to COVID for using the funds, according to her reading of the guidelines. Cara stated that she did discuss the Dog Park with Jim Lykins, at his request. According to Cara, Jim has noticed an increased use of the Dog Park by residents. Cara added that she and Kim had worked on a small list incorporating feedback and desires that have been expressed by the Committee members, stating that even if they turn out not being ARPA-eligible, they may be able to get worked into the standard budget. Those topics include:

- 1. Vista Park – access and parking improvements**
- 2. Outdoor sports facilities – in coordination with Scappoose School District (SSD)**
- 3. Pickle ball courts at Veterans Park**
- 4. Paving and general improvements at Chapman Landing**

Paul mentioned that he found examples of other cities that have used ARPA funds for park-related purposes. Pickle ball courts would be the first official courts of their kind in the County and could be constructed for about \$30,000 according to the Pickle Ball Association. Paul stated that there were a lot of needs that came out of the Grabhorn Committee, but that the site is very constrained, stating that pickle ball courts would be a better fit by the Veterans' memorial.



Cara said that she didn't want this initiative to be forgotten if it turns out to be ineligible for ARPA funds, and at any rate the Committee could recommend to Council that the project be materialized in some fashion. Paul mentioned a federal grant program that is accepting applications for park-related projects with a regional tourism focus – something that Huell and Isaac will take a closer look at. Paul showed the other members on a map where he had proposed pickle ball courts. Bryan did raise the concern of disrupting the veteran's memorial.

Cara mentioned that she would like for the Committee to take a vote on options or recommendations to send to Council pertaining ARPA. JJ advocated strongly for Chapman Landing improvements and had mentioned that the site and Sauvie Island are very popular with bird watchers, and that Chapman needs accessibility improvements. JJ mentioned that the intention with the project's inclusion in the master plan was to install a non-motorized boat launch, and picnic tables/benches.

Paul mentioned that his concern (re: Chapman Landing) is that while in the master plan, the document is out of date, nor has any additional engineering been done for the site. Joel added that the regulatory oversight that US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) has over Chapman Landing makes things much more complex, particularly if engineering has not been started.

JJ added that the County has turned [Chapman Landing] over to the City, the re-zoning process is complete, but it really is more about understanding the meaning of the site to those that use the CZ Trail, citing its popularity across the region. Cara asked if Paul was implying that due to the lack of a plan, it would be wasteful to use funds for anything permanent? JJ interjected that there is a master plan with this project specifically identified in it. Joel added that maybe this site would be a better fit for the EDA federal grant program. Paul added that the attractive part of pickle ball is that the project would be straightforward and relatively inexpensive – whereas Chapman [Landing] or Vista might have issues that are currently unknown.

JJ state that City staff has done a great job of finding funding for parks, but that the Committee's job is to provide recommendations to City Council, and that there is a chance additional funds will become available. JJ added that the Committee should think about the actual volume of people/recreators that will use a particular park asset. Paul disagreed, stating that the City has pushed back against funding parks-related items, whereas some members of the Committee have been finding and sharing funding opportunities to show them what might be possible.

Cara asked to hear from the other members of the Committee. Mary stated that she felt unprepared for the conversation and deferred to the next member. Bryan said that he sees the appeal of going for "low-hanging fruit projects," in terms of moving things forward. However, Bryan cautioned that Vista was sidelined after Chapman [Landing] became the popular topic, and then subsequently replaced by Grabhorn. The Committee had a lot of focus on Vista, Huell mentioned that a technical assistance grant from the National Park Service helped the City develop some trail options for the site. Andrew added that he wasn't sure if such a small amount of money is even going to put a dent in what everyone would like to see at Chapman Landing, mentioning that Chapman is already useable – whereas Vista is undeveloped and pickle ball courts do not currently exist.



Cara stated that her thoughts would be to recommend the pickle ball courts idea to Council for ARPA funds, and then for Chapman and Vista to be included in the goals that the Committee transmits to Council. Cara put to a vote the following: Recommend pickle ball courts for tourism and outdoor recreation (re: ARPA), and if there are additional funds that could be considered, that they should be targeted at Chapman Landing improvements. Mary motioned, seconded by Paul. Motion passed.

## **2.2 Parks Inventory Discussion and Signage Needs**

Cara stated that the Committee should move on to the next item, as this topic will naturally evolve during goal discussions.

## **2.3 Goal Setting**

Cara has been keeping notes about the requests and ideas raised by members over the last several months. Cara and Kim worked together to get ideas down on paper (see last page of Nov. 18 SPRC meeting packet). Cara asked Huell about sidewalk priorities and asked if there was any way the Committee could help set those priorities. Huell responded that the prioritization of sidewalk installation was not up for debate/recommendations, reiterating that the imminent sidewalk project is Old Portland Road, then the focus for sidewalk installation will shift to the neighborhoods around Grant Watts and Otto Peterson Elementary Schools.

Paul asked if there was a trail plan. Huell responded that there is no such plan. Paul cited an example from Molalla, Oregon. JJ stated that the railroad is a huge challenge to pedestrian connectivity. Cara added that walkability should be the number one priority and how everything can be connected. Cara asked how such a plan could be created. Joel interjected that this is something that might be best addressed through a TSP (Transportation System Plan) update or amendment. Mary asked which would be quicker. Paul thought that a trail plan makes the most sense in the parks master plan update, which the City plans on undertaking for the next fiscal year.

The Committee quickly reviewed goal proposals 1 through 6. Several of the members expressed an interest in a recreational focus for how the Committee can help accomplish something. Cara added a bullet point to the list about the trail plan idea.

The Committee agreed to meet again on December 16. Meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm.

## **3. Announcements and Next Meetings**

### **3.1. Next Meetings**

- December 16, 2021
- January 20, 2022
- February 17, 2022

**Meeting Adjourned at 6:40 pm.**



**SCAPPOOSE**  
*Oregon*

For questions about these minutes, contact Isaac Butman, 503.543.7184 [ibutman@cityofscappoose.org](mailto:ibutman@cityofscappoose.org)  
The SPRC conducts its meetings 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