

October 20, 2016

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Scappoose City Hall, 33568 E Columbia Ave.

Regular meeting at 6:30 pm

Committee Members

David Powers, Chair Peter McHugh, Vice-chair

Jeannine Duehren Duane Meissner

Jolene Jonas (Absent) Ryan Poster, Alternate (Absent)

Dakota Meyer Caitlyn Sparkman, Ex-officio (Absent)

Cara Heinze Grant Carpenter, Ex-officio (Absent)

Beth Zelfer (Absent)

Alyse Lansing

Elected Officials, City Staff and Guests

Joel Haugen, City Council Liaison Ben Tolles, City Staff

Pat Russel, Community Member Robin Assett. Public Works Director

Megan Geisen, City Council Elect Two Representatives from NW Trail Alliance

Alex Raines, City Staff

Minutes

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:30

- 1.1. The agenda was approved as is
- 1.2. No changes to the Oct. 20 meeting minutes were suggested
- 1.3. Public comment was received from two guests
 - Pat Russel commented on the sensitive nature of the South Scappoose Creek and presented a proposal to form an advisory committee to work developing a South Scappoose Creek Trail.



 Craig Marquardo expressed concern for the flooding issues at the Seely Lane property and asked that in the planning process the city try to stop residents from walking over their property.

2. City Updates 6:40 pm

- **2.1.** Role of this committee
 - Dave talked about extending the meeting time to an hour and a half so we didn't have to feel so rushed during the discussion to which everyone agreed.
 - Ben reminded the committee they are not the Parks and Rec department, but rather an
 advisory committee to the city council and city staff. The committee doesn't make any final
 decisions, and may not always be kept up to date on the day to day options of the city.
 - Cara felt that the committee's frustration came from not knowing about the Miller Park slide before it was taken out. Dave and JJ agreed.
 - Robyn offered to send out emails to help keep them informed. Pete agreed that it was a
 good idea and also offered support for the time extensions.

3. Team Updates 6:50 pm

- 3.1. Alex informed us of the meeting with the deputy director of the State Parks, and mentioned to the committee that they will be attending the county commissioners meeting next week to advocate for the rest of chapman landing.
- 3.2. JJ talked about her and Ben's walk on the trail today and saw a lot of opportunity for more than just a cement trail at the location. She and Ben met a surveyor and realized the city has 100 feet of property.
- 3.3. Ben suggested that city hold off on developing the new riparian policy because FEMA is coming out with new guidelines for flood plain areas, and he didn't want to update the policy twice.

 Dave suggested otherwise because he knows that policy can freeze during a new administration.

 The committee recommended the city develop new code despite the new FEMA regulations.

4. Master Plan Discussion 7:05 pm

- 4.1. Discuss the amenities and future use of the following parks
 - 4.1.1. The committee decided the city should put the parking on top of the Bella Vista Property off Luma Vista Drive. There were mixed reviews about whether or not any trails should be mixed user, or hiking only. No clear decision was made. Other ideas for the park were information QR codes that could be placed on trees, sculptures on dead snags, and exercise stations.
 - 4.1.2. The committee overwhelmingly wanted the city to think of options of other than a typical playground to replace the one that was just removed. Since half of it regularly floods they

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agreed that the playground should be moved next time and thought there was ample space for an adventure/nature park.

4.1.3. Members of the committee signed up to meet separately about the park.

5. Announcements 7:25 pm

- **5.1.** Reschedule the next meeting to Tuesday, December 13th at 6:00pm
- **5.2.** Appreciation Dinner for our Council, Commissioners, & Board members on January 10th 6pm at Scappoose Ixtapa
- 6. The meeting was adjourned 7:50. The next meeting will be held on December 13, 2016 at 6:00pm in the City Council Chambers.

For questions about this agenda, contact Ben Tolles, 503-543-7184 or btolles@cityofscappoose.org

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