



June 15, 2017

**PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

Scappoose City Hall, 33568 E Columbia Ave.

Regular meeting at 6:00 pm

Committee Members

David Powers, Chair	Peter McHugh, Vice-chair (Absent)
Beth Zelfer	Jeannine Duehren (JJ)
Jolene Jonas	Alyse Lansing
Dakota Meyer	Grant Carpenter, Ex-Officio (Absent)
Cara Heinze	

Elected Officials, City Staff and Guests

Megan Greisen, City Councilor	Ben Tolles, City Staff
Alex Raines, City Staff	Mike Sykes, City Manager
Joel Haugen, City Councilor	

Minutes

- 1. Dave Powers called the meeting to order at 6:05pm**
 - 1.1. The agenda was approved as is
 - 1.2. The meeting minutes from the April meeting were approved as is
 - 1.3. No public comment was submitted
- 2. City Updates and Discussion**
 - 2.1. The Parks and Recreation Committee participated in a SWOT Analysis. The results are below with the number of votes received during a dot exercise:
Strengths:
 - Chapman Landing (3)
 - CZ Trail & development opportunities (small parks) (1)



- South Scappoose Creek (2)
- New parks plan (5)
- Private/Public partnerships
- Geography (1)
- Inventory of undeveloped properties
- Supportive public
- Parks and Recreation Committee/City Council
- Nearby forest land
- City Manager Michael Sykes
- Close to Multnomah Channel
- Population growth and demographics
- Clean and pristine (1)
- No light pollution

Weaknesses:

- Growing too quickly (1)
- Low level of service
- No parks department and low staffing levels (2)
- Lack of awareness/ community involvement
- Lack of funding (3)
- Railroad tracks
- Lack of trails/connectivity (1)

Opportunities:

- Small parks on the CZ Trail (2)
- Pocket parks (2)
- High school and youth engagement (2)
- Funding sources (Grants, business sponsorship, fundraising) (3)
- Property donations
- Development Code changes that require parks (5)
- Organized social events – runs, bikes, etc. (1)
- Focused park amenities
- Park District (1)
- Community Center
- Non-profit partnering

Threats:



- NIMBY (4)
- High properties cost and resulting loss of opportunity (1)
- Climate Change
- Lack of financial support (2)
- Portland
- Crime/Homelessness
- Corporation not willing to partner (1)
- Funding issues (1)
- Political issues (1)

3. Announcements

3.1. Seely Lane Grant

3.1.1. Alex Rains informed the committee that the city received \$450,000 for the Seely Lane Grant.

Dave Powers offered to help unless the City feels it has gotten enough feedback from the Committee. He thinks there is great potential for the site and reiterated the need to focus on native planting.

3.1.2. JJ thinks the apartments nearby would really benefit from the park being so close to the park.

She used her own apartment building as an anecdote because she put in a garden and it increased the price of rent substantially.

3.2. S. Scappoose Creek Grant Update

3.2.1. Dave Powers informed the Committee that Scappoose's OWEB grant was approved, but there wasn't enough funding, so Scappoose will not be receiving grant monies. He and the watershed council are working together on another grant with Bonneville that they are hopeful will get funded.

3.3. Other Announcements

3.3.1. Ben asked that the committee attend public meetings for park related issues. There was a planning commission meeting that was very heated two weeks before this meeting and Ben would have loved to have support. The next two meetings were the upcoming City Council meeting on June 17th and Planning Commission on June 29th.

3.3.2. Joel suggested that the committee should do some outreach at the farmers market. They could bring some of the maps and set up a tent. He wants to inform the community of the projects going on, and start to build support for the work they've done.

3.3.3. Dakota announced that he is stepping down from the Parks and Recreation Committee because he no longer lives in Scappoose.



The meeting was adjourned 7:10 pm. The next meeting will be held on July 20, 2017 at 6:00pm in the City Council Chambers.

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

This meeting will be conducted in a handicap accessible room. If special accommodations are needed, contact City Recorder Susan Reeves at 503-543-7146, Ext. 224. TTY 503-378-5938
