



SCAPPOOSE
Oregon

November 16, 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

Cara Heinze

Grant Carpenter, Ex-Officio (Absent)

Elected Officials, City Staff and Guests

Megan Greisen, City Councilor (absent)

Bryan, North West Trail Alliance

Alex Rains, City Staff

Garett Peterson, RARE Participant

Joel Haugen, City Councilor

Minutes

1. Dave Powers called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm

1.1. No modifications to the agenda.

1.2. The meeting minutes from October were approved without modifications.

1.3. Public comments

- Leroy Smith, President of Scappoose Senior Center, informed the Committee that there is a community garden at the senior center that serves the local seniors and food back with fresh produce. Smith stated that the community garden needs volunteers and is wondering if there are any opportunities to partner with the Committee to recruit volunteers. The Committee said they will keep it in mind. Furthermore, the Committee said they will speak on community gardens at a future meeting in more length.



- A representative from the Scappoose Gardening Club asked to see if the City could provide mulch for the Totem Pole that her club helps maintain. Garrett said he would ask the Parks Department if they had any extra mulch available. She then asked if it was possible to create a pollinator garden in the city parks, more specifically at the new 'Seely' Park. Alex said she has spoken to the City about it and they are receptive to the idea, but she cannot give a definitive statement until the more pressing matters are addressed, such as the funding and engineering. The Committee said they will talk about it again at the appropriate time.

2. City Updates and Discussion

- 2.1 Alex Rains updated the Committee that Seely Park is going to go to Site Development on January 25th and that anyone interested should come to show support or give comments.
- 2.2 Garrett read an email from Field Services Supervisor Doug Nassimbene on Miller Park Playground. The Park should be completed by December depending on the weather. The Committee appreciated the update and liked the progress of the project, but had concerns about the raised retaining wall around the playground because the square design does not meet the Committee's recommendations in the Parks Master Plan. The Committee would have preferred the playground retaining wall to have a smoother, more creative shape. The Committee decided that next time they will be more proactive in consulting with the builders during construction to ensure the recommendations are met.
- 2.3 JJ and Garrett met with Assistant City Manager Alex Rains, City Manager Michael Sykes, and the Mayor on Wednesday 11/15 to discuss the possibility of creating a Parks Group that helps fundraise and organize park improvement projects. This group could also manage an 'Adopt-a-Park' program, reach out to businesses for sponsorship opportunities, and recruit volunteers for clean-up projects. Everyone from the City was very receptive of the idea and requested the subcommittee to ask for permission from the Parks Committee to create a proposal for the plan to submit to City Council. The Parks Committee agreed that this is a good idea and gave permission for the sub-committee to continue drafting a plan. The Parks Committee said they would like to be consulted throughout the process.
- 2.4 Dave gave an update on the South Scappoose Creek Restoration Project. He said that the schedule was very ambitious and possibly may go over budget. Representatives from the government agencies and other stakeholders involved are going to go to the site on November 30th to evaluate the project and predict the costs. The Buxton property owner is also being consulted about how to restore and design their property that is within the project area. The Parks Committee agreed to continue to monitor the status of the project.



- 2.5 The Committee agreed to cancel the December Meeting due to the holidays. The next meeting will be January 18th.

Announcements

- 3.1 Alex reported that there are currently four applicants for the three empty member positions and that City Council will make the meeting next Monday.
- 3.2 The Park Naming Contest will be discussed during the next meeting.
- 3.3 The Committee agreed to discuss annual goals during the January meeting

3. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned 6:45 pm. The next meeting will be held on January 18, 2017 at 6:00pm in the City Council Chambers.

For questions about these minutes, contact Garrett Peterson, 503-543-7184 or gpeterson@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