



**SCAPPOOSE**  
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January 18, 2018

**PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES**

**Scappoose City Hall, 33568 E Columbia Ave.**

**Regular meeting at 6:00 pm**

**Committee Members**

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David Powers, Chair	Peter McHugh, Vice-chair
Beth Zelfer	Jeannine Duehren (JJ) (absent)
Jolene Jonas	Alyse Lansing
Cara Heinze	Grant Carpenter, Ex-Officio (Absent)
Dana Pricher (Absent)	Bryan Hammond
Kristen Person	Brian Degerness

**Elected Officials, City Staff and Guests**

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Megan Greisen, City Councilor	Joel Haugen, City Councilor
Alex Rains, City Staff (absent)	Garett Peterson, RARE Participant

**Minutes**

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**1. Dave Powers called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm**

**1.1. Modification to the agenda**

- 2.9 Committee goals for 2018 – Reschedule for next meeting due to time constraint
- 3.0 Update on Scappoose Bay Council- Add to agenda
- 3.1 Update on Chapman Landing- Add to agenda
- 3.2 Recreational opportunity with High School- Add to agenda

**1.2. The meeting minutes from November were approved without modifications.**

**1.3. Public comments**

Dave Sukua, who is head of the City's Public Works Department, announced that he plans to attend future Parks and Recreation Committee meetings so he can give direct updates on park



projects. The Committee agreed that his presence would enhance the lines of communication and coordination between the Committee and Parks Department. Everyone appreciated his commitment to work with the Committee on future park projects.

## **2. City Updates and Discussion**

- 2.1 New members Brain Hammond, Kristen Parsons, and Brian Degerness were all present for the meeting. Dana Pricher was absent due to scheduling conflict.
- 2.2 Garrett updated the Committee on the progress of the CZ Trail sub-committee and announced that the concept as transformed into a project proposal known as Friends of Scappoose Parks. He gave an overview of the projects and explained the key components, including how the proposal would include an Adopt-a-Park program and fundraising opportunities to fund new park improvements. Garrett updated the meeting on the schedule of adoption of the project proposal and informed the Committee that he presented to City Council the concept on 1/16 and they gave permission to proceed with developing the program. The Committee now has the opportunity to review the proposal and give comment before it goes back to City Council for adoption in the beginning of March. Everyone on the Committee was given a copy of the proposal so they can have time to review it at home and then the Committee can discuss it more in detail in the next meeting.
- 2.3 Dave Sukua gave an update on Miller Park and said that the City has partnered with engineering students from PSU to create a drainage plan for the fields. The design team will help create a 30% plan for the fields that the City can hopefully implement to create suitable conditions for permanent soccer fields. The Committee asked if they can be involved in the design process and Dave said that they are free to contact him if they have suggestions or concerns. Dave said he would be the best person to talk to regarding the project and that he will continue to give updates on the park at the next meetings.
- 2.4 Garrett updated the Committee that he was contact by a resident regarding ADA parks in Scappoose. The resident referenced an organization knowns as Harper's Playground in Portland that specializes in ADA parks and suggested that the City look into providing more access for the handicap and disabled. Everyone agreed that it would be a great program and that we should explore more inclusive park improvements. The Committee agreed that this may be a good goal to focus on when we conduct goal setting at the next meeting.
- 2.5 Joel and Bill Blank from Cycle Columbia County gave information about a 100 mile bicycle race called Columbia Century Challenge that will start and finish in the City of Scappoose. He said this event is a great way to promote the City and the park system. He said that 300 – 400 bicycle riders may participate. Usually the events relies on volunteers, but this year an organization



- known as Oregon Ride may take over responsibility of the race. He said they may still be opportunity for committee members to volunteer or participate. The Committee thought it was a great idea and agreed to stay updated on the event.
- 2.6 Garrett brought up the concept of community gardens because at the next meeting we had public comments regarding the issue. Everyone was very supportive of the idea of community gardens and agreed that it may be a good program under Friends of Scappoose Parks. The committee also agreed to consider the issue at the next goal setting meeting.
- 2.7 Garrett announced that the Annual Town Meeting will take place on February 10<sup>th</sup> from 8:00am to 12:00 pm. He then invited the Parks and Recreation Committee to have a booth at the event. Everyone thought it would be a good idea. Garrett said he will take care of prepping the table and then other people may manage the booth. Garrett will print the parks master plan, park maps, and other handout for the Committee.
- 2.8 Garrett announced that the Park Naming Contest will now be part of the Annual Town Meeting and the attendees of the event will have the opportunity to pick their favorite names. The Parks and Rec committee will then review the names and pick their favorite ones. The top names will then be recommended to the City Council for them to choose. Everyone in the Committee thought this was a good idea.
- 2.9 Goal Setting was rescheduled to the next meeting on 2/15
- 3.0 Dave gave an update on the Scappoose Bay Watershed Council. He said they are developing a strategic plan and wants to partner more with the Parks and Recreation Committee. The committee agreed that we should explore partnership opportunities with them. An opportunity could be partnering together to write grants for future projects.
- 3.1 Joes gave an update on the Burnett property and told the Committee that the deal to transfer the property to the City has been finalized. He announced that the City is planning on having a celebration at the property in March thanking the Burnett family for their donation. This celebration would also be a good opportunity to promote the Friends of Scappoose Parks program and future Chapman Landing development.
- 3.2 Megan announced that she plans to meet with representatives from the High School to possibly set up a special track meet day for children of all ages to participate. She explained that she has experience attending such events as a child and as a parent. She believes this would be a good way to encourage kids to be more active and possibly join track or other sports. The Committee agreed that it is a great idea and that we should discuss it further.

### **Announcements**



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3.1 The site development date was moved to March 22<sup>nd</sup>. Alex will give an update at the next meeting.

3.2 Everyone was invited to attend the Boards and Commission dinner at Ixtapa on Feb 1<sup>st</sup>.

**3. Adjourn**

**The meeting was adjourned 7:15 pm. The next meeting will be held on February 15, 2017 at 6:00 pm in the City Council Chambers.**

For questions about these minutes, contact Garrett Peterson, 503-543-7184 or [gpeterson@cityofscappoose.org](mailto:gpeterson@cityofscappoose.org).

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