



SCAPPOOSE
Oregon

February 15th, 2018

**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 (absent)	Jeannine Duehren (JJ)
Jolene Jonas	Alyse Lansing
Cara Heinze	Grant Carpenter, Ex-Officio (Absent)
Dana Pricher (Absent)	Bryan Hammond
Kristen Person	Brian Degerness (absent)

Elected Officials, City Staff and Guests

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

Minutes

- 1. Dave Powers called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm**
 - 1.1. Modification to the agenda
 - 2.6 Columbia County Challenge- Added by Joel Haugen
 - 1.2. The meeting minutes from January were approved without modifications.
 - 1.3. Public comments
 - No public comments.
- 2. City Updates and Discussion**
 - 2.1. Garett updated the committee on the Annual Town Meeting. He said that despite some technical difficulties and scheduling conflicts the meeting was overall a success. He thanked everyone for coming out to support the City and the committee. Garett also updated the
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committee on the results of the break out session and explained how parks often came up as a high priority, more specifically how the community supported more park, trail connectivity, and the formation of a parks district.

- 2.2 Garrett updated the Committee on the progress of the Friends of Scappoose Parks program and invited the committee to give comment. Alyse brought up a few concerns, most specially the role of the FSP to have input on design of the parks. There was a discussion of the responsibility of the FSP program and it was explained how the purpose of the program is not to have substantial impact on the design of parks but instead to work on projects that have been approved by the City Council and City Staff. The committee's role in the FSP will be to develop appropriate projects that fall within the designated areas and list of approved type of projects. Joel mentioned that he thinks the FSP program would be a great method to promote parks in the community and to raise money for park projects. He cited the example of the FSP possibly partnering with the Columbia County Challenge. Everyone agreed that this could be a positive partnership for both sides. Overall everyone agreed to proceed with the project proposal for the Friends of Scappoose Parks program.
- 2.3 Garrett announced that the City Engineer and Planner would like the committee to update the list of approved trees that the City currently uses. This is needed because the list is currently out dated and does not meet design standards. Everyone in the committee agreed that it could be a positive project for the committee. Garrett agreed to compile a list of approved trees from surrounding cities, such as Portland, and to then send it out to the committee as an email to receive comments. The committee will then agree on the tree list by the next meeting.
- 2.4 Garrett announced that there were 26 submissions for the park naming contest and that at the Annual Town Meeting the attendees were able to narrow that list down to their top 10. The committee then agreed to vote on their top choices from the list of the top 10 from the ATM. The first choice was Tomee Park, then Skookum Park, Chief Concomley Park, and Great Oak Park all tied for second place. Those names will then be presented to the City Council for their review during the name selection process.
- 2.5 The committee discussed the goals for the upcoming year, based largely on the goals from 2017-2018. The goals for the 2018-2019 year is as follows:
 1. Develop funding strategy to support park development and improvement projects
 2. Promote Chapman Landing acquisition- possibly write letters to newspapers and other stakeholders to pressure the County to act
 3. Vista Property Development- this priority is pushed back to 2019 due to development schedule but the committee will keep it on their radar for input opportunities



4. Riparian ordinance- the committee will wait to hear the decision on biology and endangered species designations before they proceed with a proposal created by Dave Powers
5. CZ beautification- most likely a main component of the Friends of Scappoose Parks program
6. Friends of Scappoose Park- the committee will look for opportunities to promote, fundraise, and implement park improvement projects through the FSP
7. South Scappoose Creek Trail Plan- the City plans to hire Nick Sund this summer to develop a trail plan for the S. Scappoose Creek.
8. 14 Acre parcel near CZ trail- the committee will look for opportunities to provide input on the potential parcel of land that will be given to the City from the East Airport development
9. Athletic fields- the committee will research and pursue opportunities to develop athletic fields in the City, more specifically soccer fields

- 2.6 Joel mentioned how the Columbia County Challenge plans to begin and end in Scappoose and that it would provide a great opportunity to promote the park system. He said it would be a good idea for the Friends of Parks program to partner with CCC and that many of the committee members should volunteer at booths along the route. Partnering with the CCC could provide fundraising opportunities to support other park projects.

Announcements

- 3.1 There were no announcements.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned 7:45 pm. The next meeting will be held on March 16, 2018 at 6:00 pm 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