



**SCAPPOOSE**  
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**March 15<sup>th</sup>, 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 (absent)
Beth Zelfer	Jeannine Duehren (JJ) (absent)
Jolene Jonas (absent)	Alyse Lansing
Cara Heinze	
Dana Pricher	Bryan Hammond
Kristen Person	Brian Degerness

**Elected Officials, City Staff and Guests**

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Megan Greisen, City Councilor (absent)	Joel Haugen, City Councilor
Alex Rains, City Staff	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 South Scappoose Creek Restoration Plan- Added by Joel Haugen
  - 1.2. The meeting minutes from February were approved without modifications.
  - 1.3. Public comments

Paula Lichtowich was present at the meeting to announce that is she is running for the County Commissioner position in the next election. She stated that she has been heavily involved in the community for the last couple decades and she has a passion for parks and open spaces.



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

- 2.1 Garrett announced that the City Council has released the 2018-2019 Goals and Objectives for the City of Scappoose. The Committee then reviewed the list of Goals and Objectives to see if they had any comments or if there were any particular topic that they had a strong interest in pursuing further. Everyone agreed that the list was a strong collection of projects and the City would be better if these projects were completed. Dana, Alyse, and Bryan Hammond all said they would like to be consulted with the Goal 5C: Examine Vista Property Development Opportunities. Dave and other members also wanted to see if City council could add a goal that pursues the creation and expansion of regional trails that connect Scappoose to other cities and locations. Garrett said he would ask the City Manager if it is possible to add a goal and he would inform the group at the next meeting.
- 2.2 Garrett updated the Committee on the progress of the Friends of Scappoose Parks program and invited the committee to give comment. Garrett said that after discussing with City Staff that he hopes that the first project from Friends of Scappoose Parks would be a CZ Trail Beautification project on an approximately 1500 sq ft section of trail near the proposed development. Everyone thought that this could be a good project, but brought up concerns of the area due to the proposed construction of the road. Garrett said he would investigate more into the site to see if it would be suitable for tree and native land cover plantings. The Committee also discussed the time frame and said we would have to plant either before the beginning of May or starting next November. Garrett said he hopes to have a planting by the end of April. Dana brought up a plan that she has discussed with a local school where students would raise money for native plants in the parks by going door to door to sell to local residents. Everyone thought this would be a great idea to raise money and get the community more involved. Garrett said he would work with Dana to figure out the specifics. Joe then said that he had volunteered the Friends of Scappoose Parks to be a sponsor for the upcoming Columbia Century Challenge bike race in the City of Scappoose. He said that Friends of Parks would be given \$500 for working the event and this could be used for future park projects. Everyone agreed this would be a great opportunity.
- 2.3 Garrett announced that he and Alyse are still working on the street tree list and that the updated list should be completed sometime next week. When it is finished it will be sent to all the committee members for review. Garrett said that the list should be considerably better than the last list because all the trees will be in correct size categories and there will also be a lot more trees to choose from on the list including more native and disease resistant trees.



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- 2.4 Alex gave an update on Seely Lane Park and everyone on the design drawings. She informed everyone that the pavilion was changed from a square shape to a hexagonal shape because it allowed more open views and fit better with the overall design of the park. She explained how the basketball court will be placed at the end of the parking lot so it can be used as over flow parking. She also explained that the natural play area will be phased in at a later date. Everyone was really excited and approved of the park designs.
- 2.5 Alex updated everyone on the progress of the grant application for Vista Park and said that a representative from the National Park Service has reviewed it before submission and gave comment. The final grant application is due in June. Before then, she might as the Committee to write a letter of support for the project to help increase the odds of being selected. The Committee agreed to write a letter at a later date.
- 2.6 Dave was not present to give an update so Garrett read a list of current park actions that Dave had provided to him prior to the meeting. City Staff has predominately been working on maintenance and clearing out vegetation before the spring. He also announced that the fountain would be turned on April 22<sup>nd</sup> for Earth Day.
- 2.7 Dave was not present so Alex gave a quick update on the Forest Management Plan. She said the plan identifies the forest land and provides recommended action to preserve and protect the forest. She said sections of the forest will be selectively cleared, but not clear cut, for safety reasons and to reduce the likelihood of fire. She said the revenue from the lumber sales will also got to the City.
- 2.8 Bryan and Dave gave an update on a proposed trail from Lake Oswego-Portland-Scappoose. Unfortunately, more information is needed for the Committee to give a definitive answer on whether to support a regional trail. Briana and Dave said they will look mire into and provide more info at the next meeting.

#### **Announcements**

- 3.1 Cara said it would be a good idea to plan a clean u even through Friends of Scappoose Parks for Earth Day. The Committee agreed and Garrett said he will begin to plan an event on that day. He said he will update the Committee on the progress the next couple of weeks.

#### **Adjourn**

**The meeting was adjourned 7:30 pm. The next meeting will be held on April 19, 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](mailto:gpeterson@cityofscappoose.org).



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