



Meeting Minutes

City of Oregon City
Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee

City Hall
625 Center Street, Oregon City, OR 97045

April 28, 2016

Attendance

Members: Shawn Dachtler; Christopher Cook; Joyce Gifford Bob Burns; Doug Neeley; Roger Fowler-Thias; Mike Mitchell

Excused: Daniel Tupper

Staff: Denise Conrad, Assistant Parks & Recreation Director; Scott Archer, Community Services Director

Guests: Girl Scout Troop 45065

Special Work Session

1. Non-smoking in parks policy consideration

Regular Meeting

1. Call to order: 7:01 PJM
2. Introductions
3. Approval of minutes – March 31, 2016 Regular Meeting: Approved as amended.
4. Citizen comments on issues and items not on the agenda
5. General business
 - a. LaTourette Park – Girl Scout Troop 45065 follow-up/next steps: Members of the troop provided a summary of the “Party in the Park” event. Karen Buerig and Heidi McKay, adult leaders of the troop, also spoke to the event. Next steps – apply for funding via Metro Enhancement grant program. If funded, troop will work with “City Repair” organization to develop concepts and a proposed design. PRAC will provide a letter of support.

- b. Non-smoking in parks policy consideration: Summary of work session held earlier in the evening. PRAC is supportive of moving forward in a recommended policy. Policy will be drafted based on PRAC recommendations.
 - c. Consideration of relocation of Larry Dahl monument to City property – continued from last meeting. Dachtler reported that the Museum of the Oregon Territory board, which owns the monument, has yet to arrive at a decision about whether to allow it to be relocated.
 - d. PRAC annual report to City Commission: Scheduled for May 4 meeting. Dan Tupper and Shawn Dachtler would like to postpone and reschedule this to a later date.
 - e. Newell Creek Canyon plan update: Newell Creek Canyon access master plan was adopted by the Metro Council on March 31. Metro now proceeding with land use process. PRAC reminded staff that the committee had made recommendations to Metro to consider the playground in early phases of development. Committee also discussed the Metro ban on dogs in parks & open spaces. Process for policy changes with Metro and chain of dialogue was discussed whether as independent citizens or through Commission.
 - f. McLoughlin to Canemah Trail planning grant: Last month, Metro awarded the City a grant of \$25,000 to complete interim and final trail alignments and concept designs for the trail. We have two years in which to complete the project. The end product will be a plan that will allow us to move forward with final design and trail construction as the next steps. We decided that it would be best to wait to begin the trail planning project until the Community Services Director transition has been completed.
 - g. Willamette Falls Legacy Project standing update: Virtual open house held, information
 - h. Other general business
 - i) Movies in the park discussed
6. Future agenda items
- a. Designation of parks – May agenda
 - b. Riverwalk Whitewater Park proposal
7. PRAC member reports
- a. Fowler-Thias: Pioneer Center report
 - b. Gifford:
 - i) City-wide clean-up occurred this past Saturday.
 - ii) Girl Scout event at Latourette Park.
 - iii) Pickleball group

- c. Mitchell:
 - i) O.C. Parks Foundation received official 501(C) 3 status.
 - ii) Caufield N.A. meeting – changes to BCT backyard bash, fundraising money to develop the community park in Beaver creek area.
- d. Neeley:
 - i) Arbor Day event – GOCWC did invasive removal at Abernethy Creek Park.
 - ii) May 21, Clack Community College holding 50th anniversary
- e. Dachtler:
 - i) Excited to see where the smoking ban is going
 - ii) Scott's last PRAC meeting. Suggests that PRAC should have input in the selection process for next director.

8. Staff reports

- a. Recreation update as distributed in writing
- b. Wesley Lynn Park ballot measure May 17 election
- c. Clackamette Park boat ramp update
- d. Waterboard Park illegal tree cutting update
- e. Annual Parks Day event – first Friday movie night, August 5.
- f. Director transition
- g. Other

9. Next scheduled meeting – May 26, 2016

10. Adjournment: 8:15 PM