



DRAFT MINUTES

City of Oregon City
Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee

City Hall
625 Center Street, Oregon City, OR 97045

January 25, 2018

Attendance

Members: Lisa Novak; Bill Daniels; Chris Cook; Roger Fowler-Thias; Mike Mitchell; Troy Bolinger; Karin Morey; Shawn Dachtler

Excused: Doug Neeley

Staff: Phil Lewis, Community Services Director

Guests: none

Regular Meeting

1. Call to order at 7:00pm

2. Introductions

3. Annual Election of Officers – Chair & Vice-Chair

Motion by Dachtler to elect Chris Cook as Chair, second by Mitchell. Motion passed 8-0.

Motion by Daniels to elect Lisa Novak as Vice-Chair, second by Dachtler. Motion passed 8-0.

4. Approval of minutes – December 7, 2017 Meeting Minutes

Mitchell asked to have minutes reflect that his comments under Member Reports state that the safety concerns raised at CIC were regarding the overlook at Promontory Avenue and Creed Street adjacent to Waterboard Park. Motion by Daniels to approve minutes as ammended, second by Mitchell, approved 8-0.

5. Citizen comments on issues and items not on the agenda

James Nicita gave comment regarding his request to have the City Commission expand Abernethy Creek Park by dedicating two City owned lots adjacent to the park for park use. The lots are along Washington Street and include Tax Lot 2600 and the unimproved right of way at 16th Street and Washington. Mr. Nicita suggested a foot bridge could link the properties across the creek and provide pedestrian access to businesses along Washington.

6. Presentations

- a. Willamette Falls Riverwalk Master Plan, Alex Gilbertson & Phil Lewis

Willamette Falls Riverwalk Project Manager Alex Gilbertson and Oregon City Community Services Director Phil Lewis gave a presentation on the master plan document components. Public comment in support of the plan was received from Executive Director Shelly Perini representing Rediscover the Falls. Denyse McGriff gave public comment requesting an update on negotiations with the property owner. James Nicita gave comment in support of the project and gave some history of the Mill G Recovery Boiler and Woolen Mills Pullery/Publishers Paper Carpenter Shop. Motion by Morey to recommend City Commission adoption of the Willamette Falls Riverwalk Master Plan as presented, second by Mitchell. Motion passed 8-0.

- b. McLoughlin Canemah Trail, Kelly Reid

Oregon City Planner Kelly Reid presented the McLoughlin Canemah Trail Plan. The trail will connect McLoughlin Promenade through Old Canemah Park to Canemah Children's Park. Public comment was received from James Nicita regarding using unimproved right of way in the Canemah neighborhood to create additional trail connections as part of the plan. Public comment was received by Tom O'Brien suggesting that a flexible barrier be installed along S. 2nd street between High Street and Tumwater to improve safety. Motion by Mitchell to recommend to Planning Commission and City Commission adoption of McLoughlin Canemah Trail Plan, second by Dachtler. Motion passed 8-0.

7. General Business

- a. PRAC Goals Review – Reviewed previously adopted goals by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee in February 2017 and City Commission Goals that relate to Community Services. Concerns were voiced by committee members on the need to update the Parks and Recreation Master Plan and the Trails Master Plan as well as looking at updating the Park SDC methodology/rate and dog off-leash areas in parks. It was agreed that further discussion and any goal adjustments could occur at the February 2018 PRAC meeting.
- b. Park Operations Facility – Staff have received direction from City Commission on the concept plan and budget strategy using a combination of already obligated general funds, shifting operational funds and using Park SDC's to construct the facility. Staff will be moving forward.
- c. Buena Vista House – Staff are working with a consultant to provide facilitation services for the public involvement process of determining next steps. A request was made to

have PRAC representation on the stakeholder advisory committee. Karin Morey and Roger Fowler-Thias volunteered as PRAC representatives. Denyse McGriff gave public comment on the history of the Buena Vista Social Club.

- d. Parks & Recreation Planning Overview – An overview was provided on parks and recreation planning documents for the larger system plans and individual site plans. Daniels requested to have a master plan conducted for Atkinson Park. Dachtler asked if sites that have master plans have been fully developed or if we still need to finish projects based on the master plan. Lewis noted that there are a few sites that have half developed master plans or need updated plans before development should occur. Equity was discussed and it was requested if a breakdown of the plans by neighborhood could occur to help in considering equity when prioritizing. Dachtler asked if research could happen to determine if any of the pocket parks had adjacent property that could be incorporated into the park to provide a more appropriate size of open space. It was requested to review the Chapin master plan to see if it has been used in the development of the site. Mitchell suggested that the system plans should be updated before looking at planning efforts of individual sites.
- e. Ermatinger House – Staff are continuing conversations with the Friends of the Ermatinger House for developing an operation strategy. Work is occurring on the furniture plan for the house and staff plan on opening the house to the public for summer 2018.
- f. Other General Business – none

8. PRAC Member Reports

Roger Fowler-Thias: Pioneer Center update with the annual appeal receiving \$18,685 in donations, the See's candy fundraiser did well, wreath sales were strong with 150 sold, coupon books were not successful – might discontinue next year. Tax appointments going fast, all classes are growing. OCPF had a live and silent auction last weekend at the Hive Taphouse with a great turnout. Promenade planting and Waterboard Park are priorities for the foundation.

Mike Mitchell: nothing to report.

Karin Morey: March 10th SOLVE cleanup at Mt. View Cemetery, sign up online.

Troy Bolinger: nothing to report.

Bill Daniels: nothing to report.

Chris Cook: Park Place concerns regarding the 92 acre development between Redland and Holcomb Road as well as the land north of Holcomb without any parks secured.

Lisa Novak: Has also heard concerns regarding the housing developments in Park Place and the need for park land particularly on the east side near Bradley. Oregon City Park Foundation continuing work on ivy removal at Waterboard Park.

Shawn Dachtler: Happy to see Movies in the Park moving locations this summer.

9. Staff reports

- a. Recreation update – Email and printed monthly updates to PRAC members
- b. Filbert Run Grant Proposal – Staff applying for state park grants and will ask for a vote of support to have a letter of support from the PRAC Chair at a future meeting.
- c. ODOT/99E Project – Vegetation removal along the Promenade bluff to occur during the month of February. Additional rock work will occur in the summer.

10. Future Agenda Items – Process for Designating Abernethy Park adjacent properties (Mike)

11. Next scheduled meeting – February 22, 2018

12. Adjournment: 9:20pm