



City of Oregon City

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Meeting Minutes - Draft

City Commission

Tuesday, March 12, 2019

6:15 PM

Commission Chambers

Work Session

1. Convene Work Session

Mayor Holladay called the meeting to order at 6:16 PM.

2. Roll Call

Present: 4 - Mayor Dan Holladay, Commissioner Frank O'Donnell, Commissioner Rachel Lyles Smith and Commissioner Rocky Smith Jr.

Staffers: 10 - City Manager Tony Konkol, City Recorder Kattie Riggs, Police Chief and Public Safety Director James Band, Public Works Director John Lewis, Community Development Director Laura Terway, Human Resources Director Patrick Foiles, Community Services Director Phil Lewis, Library Director Maureen Cole, Finance Director Wyatt Parno and Assistant City Recorder Claudia Cisneros

3. Discussion Items

3a Buena Vista House Update

Phil Lewis, Community Services Director, gave a background on the Buena Vista House which was closed to the public in 2013. There was a public engagement process in 2018 to discuss the usability of the house as a community meeting room. He discussed the cost estimates for opening the house and how the Friends group was requesting to reconnect power to the house.

There was discussion regarding dedicating resources to the house for the power or having it privately funded, the cost estimates, historic value, long term vision for the house, using funds when there was already millions needed for deferred park maintenance, timeframe for discussing the future of the house, and increased insurance and security if the power was turned back on.

Denyse McGriff, resident of Oregon City, thought the house was important to save. The Friends' goal tonight was to get the building stabilized, the heat turned on, and to have better security. Once it was stabilized, the Friends group would like to initiate a community process about what to do with the house. They would also like it to be listed on the national register.

There was consensus for staff to look into the costs associated with turning the power back on and bring the information back to the Commission to make a decision.

3b. Clackamette Park Master Plan Scope

Mr. Lewis said the Clackamette Park Master Plan was a Commission goal. One of the issues to address was incorporating the boat ramp into the overall design of the park and he discussed boat ramp replacement options.

There was discussion regarding alternatives as the Commission was not in favor of any of the proposed designs and how much it would cost to do a redesign to take back to the state. There was further discussion regarding the use of the boat ramp at John Storm Park.

Mr. Lewis said another question was if they should continue to operate an RV park at Clackamette Park and if the overflow parking was the best use of the City-owned properties.

There was discussion regarding the current use of the RV park and how much it would cost to upgrade the electrical.

There was consensus for staff to look into the deed restrictions on the park and whether or not they could be removed and to look into what it would take to upgrade the RV Park.

Tony Konkol, City Manager, announced upcoming events and lane closures on 99E.

4. Adjournment

Mayor Holladay adjourned the meeting at 7:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kattie Riggs, City Recorder