



City of Oregon City
Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee

City Hall
625 Center Street, Oregon City, OR 97045

December 1, 2016

Attendance

Members: Shawn Dachtler; Bob Burns; Chris Cook; Joyce Gifford; Roger Fowler-Thias; Mike Mitchell; Blane Meier

Excused: Doug Neeley

Staff: Phil Lewis, Community Services Director; Christina Robertson-Gardiner, Senior Planner

Guests: none

6:00 P.M. – Special Meeting

1. Interview applicants
 - a. Bill Daniels
 - b. Dakota Hufford
 - c. Michael Lell
 - d. Lisa Novak

7:00 P.M. - Regular Meeting

1. Call to order at 7:04
2. Introductions
3. Approval of minutes – October 27, 2016 Meeting Minutes: Approved
4. Citizen comments on issues and items not on the agenda: None
5. Presentations
 - a. Presentation – Willamette Falls Legacy Project, Christina Robertson-Gardiner
Christina provided an update on the Willamette Falls Legacy Project concept design process including recent public event feedback data. Staff received feedback from PRAC members on current concept design to aid the design team in creating the preferred concept plan which will be unveiled in spring 2017. Public feedback is still being received at the project website www.rediscoverthefalls.com

b. Presentation – Vietnam Memorial Wall Project, Shawn Dachtler

Evan was unable to attend the meeting and PRAC Chair Shawn Dachtler gave an update. The project team will be meeting on-site with the memorial designer. Evan will return at a later meeting to provide an update.

6. General Business

a. Clackamette Park Boat Ramp update: Update provided regarding Oregon State Marine Board's request to have a support letter from Oregon City to move the ramp approximately 350 feet downstream on the river. City Commission received a draft letter from staff at the November work session. Commission members voted for a continuance on the subject with concerns over lost greenspace needing to be addressed. Staff are currently working with OSMB on next steps.

b. Park Exclusion & Tobacco Free Parks Ordinance Update: City Commission heard and passed a second reading of the ordinances on November 2nd and the ordinances will go into effect on December 2, 2016. Sworn officers will now be able to exclude offenders for 30-180 days for committing offenses within the park system. Tobacco Free Parks information will be posted to the website.

c. Latourette Park Update: Friends of Latourette Park held a public outreach event in November to work on building community in the neighborhood, possible street art and future uses for Latourette Park. The consultant that was hired to facilitate the event will be developing a conceptual plan based on the feedback from the event. The group is interested in giving an update to PRAC at a future meeting.

d. PRAC Outreach Event 2017 Discussion: Mike Mitchell led a discussion on developing an outreach plan for PRAC including the history of Parks Day. Mike suggested working toward a 'Sunday Parkways' type model working with local community groups and traveling between parks in Oregon City to highlight Oregon City Parks. It was brought to the Oregon City Parks Foundation as a partner organization and was well received. Concerns over budget and traffic impact were raised. There was consensus among the group to discontinue Park Day for 2017. Joyce Gifford suggested a continued presence at Movies and Concerts in the Park with nice park and trail maps to distribute. Other ideas included outreach at Farmers Market and using passport style check-in list with a raffle for users. Outreach events will be revisited at a future meeting.

- e. PRAC Annual Election of Officers – Timeline Discussion: Shawn opened the floor for discussion of officer positions moving into the next year of PRAC. No members expressed interest at this time.
- f. PRAC Member Position Openings – Recommendations for Appointment: Chris Cook was nominated and voted unanimously to retain his current position. Discussion regarding the remaining two vacant positions began. Lisa Novak was nominated and voted unanimously to be appointed. Michael Lell was nominated and voted 6-1 to be appointed.
- g. Other General Business: none

7. PRAC Member Reports:

Roger Fowler-Thias: Pioneer Center is scheduling a cleanup crew for landscaping and cleanup, walk-through conducted with facility staff Anne Crandall to discuss 5 and 10 year maintenance plan, giving tree had almost all tags taken within first week, food basket applications handed out within first two weeks, field trips almost full for winter months, 101 Thanksgiving dinner served via Meals on Wheels and 52 clients in the dining room. Parks Foundation is raising funds for parks through bottle deposit program.

Joyce Gifford: Attended Willamette Falls Legacy Project visioning at Clackamas CC, spent 4 hours Saturday and 4 hours Sunday at Latourette Park public event.

Mike Mitchell: Attended Willamette Falls Legacy Project visioning at Clackamas CC, mentioned the City of Oregon City will be working on the biennium budget this spring and suggested PRAC finalizes goals in the next couple of months, mentioned Lindquist tree cutting at Waterboard Park and an editorial submission by Jerry Herman to recognize the park as a natural heritage park. He recognized Bob Burns' contributions to our community and during the civil rights movement in Dallas, TX.

Blake Meier: Goal of riding a bike to every park – willing to coordinate with other PRAC members. Cove Abernathy Trail conversation with John Lewis and railroad staff to link the Cove development and Abernathy. Trail Alliance is focusing on the 2004 Trails Plan and supporting the City for implementation, the bistro at the train station should open in a couple of weeks.

Bob Burns: Bob highlighted the progress that PRAC has made during his 6 year term including design plans for Glen Oak Park, Filbert Run Park and the Oregon City Library.

Additionally created policy for off-leash dog areas, created non-smoking policy, weighed in on boat ramp placement to preserve park land, worked on partnership with OCHS construction class, involved in WFLP Riverwalk and Newall Creek Canyon among others.

Chris Cook: Property is being developed near Holcomb Elementary.

Shawn Dachtler: Has noticed cars parked in park lots after hours recently and worries about inappropriate use/vandalism. Hopes that OCPD is patrolling park lots in evening.

8. Staff reports

- a. Recreation update – Email for the monthly updates to PRAC members
- b. Charter Park update – scheduled for a Commission work session on January 10th.
- c. Other

9. Future Agenda Items: Budget consideration related to parks and recreation in January and/or February, capital planning for maintenance of facilities – suggested to bring pool staff on one month and Pioneer Center on another month in 2017, Newall Creek Project Trailhead presentation by Metro, NRC/PRAC joint meeting in March or April, Glen Oak and Filbert Run discussion, Concept Plan discussion with planning in January or February, Cove Project discussion with developer or site visit in spring.

10. Next scheduled meeting

January 26, 2017

11. Adjournment: 8:41pm