



FINAL MINUTES

City of Oregon City
Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee

City Hall
625 Center Street, Oregon City, OR 97045

February 23, 2017

Attendance

Members: Lisa Novak; Bill Daniels; Joyce Gifford; Roger Fowler-Thias; Mike Mitchell; Doug Neeley; Blane Meier

Excused: Chris Cook, Shawn Dachtler

Staff: Phil Lewis, Community Services Director; John Lewis, Public Works Director

Guests: none

Regular Meeting

1. Call to order at 7:00pm
2. Introductions
3. Approval of minutes – January 26, 2017 Meeting Minutes: Approved
4. Citizen comments on issues and items not on the agenda:
 - a. Marguerite O'Brien spoke regarding her interest in Oregon City funding the development of the Filbert Run Park property.
 - b. Jerry Adams and Gail Aldridge spoke representing the Oregon City Women's Club and their interest in installing 'little libraries' at two Oregon City Park properties. The organization has received general support from Parks staff and would be maintained by the OC Women's Club.
 - c. Jesse Buss presented a 1952 Parks and Recreation Master Plan document that he found while researching at the Oregon City Public Library and discussed the report contents.
5. Presentations
 - a. Presentation – None
6. General Business

a. Willamette Falls Legacy Project

The partner group and design team will be hosting the next public meeting in late spring to unveil the preferred concept plan for the Riverwalk. The design team is currently working on a phasing plan for construction. Public feedback is still being requested at the project website www.rediscoverthefalls.com. A request was made to have another site visit for PRAC members. Phil informed the group that they are typically on Friday afternoons and that he would follow up to get possible dates to members for a vote.

b. Waterfront Master Plan

This will be a standing update on future PRAC agenda items. Staff will begin working on an RFP process to be able to start the planning for the associated properties as soon as possible in the next biennium which begins on July 1. Members noted that the RV Park in its current location bisects the park and precludes users from easily using the section of the park on the other side of the RV Park along the Willamette River.

c. Ermatinger House

Staff are continuing to seek out bids for drywall and painting of the interior of the building. Members requested having a site visit to discuss the work that occurred during the recent renovations.

d. PRAC Goals Update

A draft version of the PRAC Goals were presented to the committee. The draft version was a compilation of the previous goals and discussion points at the January PRAC meeting. Members asked how many of the PRAC Goals were funded within the current proposed biennium budget. Phil Lewis noted that the primary PRAC Goals have support funds identified in the budget or were budget neutral and that the additional items of importance to PRAC do not currently have identified funding sources in the proposed biennium budget. Blane liked the idea of keeping up on the regional park projects including WFLP, Canemah Bluff and Newell Creek Parks. Joyce informed everyone of a Metro presentation scheduled for 7pm on March 7th at Living Hope Church regarding the Newell Creek Park project. There was a suggestion to form an ad hoc committee including Public Works, TAC and NRC to implement bike/pedestrian directional signage for trails. It was moved by Doug and seconded by Mike to adopt the draft PRAC Goals. Adoption of the goals passed unanimously.

e. Buena Vista House

Phil distributed a memo from Oregon City Planning regarding next steps for historic eligibility determination of the Buena Vista House. Stakeholders have received notification from Community Services staff requesting within 30 days to provide research documents to support the facilities eligibility with SHPO. Denyse McGriff and Todd Iselin spoke on behalf of stakeholders and gave some background information regarding needs of the facility and the request of the stakeholders to maintain the building as a community resource.

f. Park SDC Budget

Phil presented the Park SDC budget for the current biennium and the proposed Park SDC budget for the next biennium. Discussion occurred regarding current projects in the SDC budget and what types of projects can utilize SDC funds.

g. Glen Oak Park Grant Discussion

Phil presented documents from the Glen Oak Park grant application from 2016 and discussed the process of applying for the Oregon State Parks Local Government Grant in the current year. The grant deadline is April 1, 2017. Staff requested a letter of support from PRAC. Committee members voted unanimously to have the PRAC Chair write a letter of support for the grant application.

h. Other General Business: none

7. PRAC Member Reports:

Roger Fowler-Thias: Pioneer Center tax appointments are full through April, pedicure appointments are full as well. The Center will be closed for annual maintenance at the end of March and work will occur on the ballroom floors.

Joyce Gifford: Tuesday, March 7th Metro will be presenting information regarding the Newell Creek Canyon property and trailhead.

Mike Mitchell: Suggested everyone read 'The Past and Future City' by Stephanie Meeks. He highlighted the value in historic preservation of buildings. Mike also invited everyone to the OC Park Foundation meeting next Tuesday at Pioneer Center.

Doug Neeley: Clackamas Community College will be involved in the restoration of the head waters of Newell Creek. The Greater Oregon City Watershed Council is working with the

college to perform salvage operations at the site. Amphibian eggs will be removed during the heavy equipment operation and then brought back to the location afterward.

Lisa Novak: Commented that Park Place neighbors have concerns regarding the Park Place development occurring on the eastern side of Holcomb Boulevard and lack of park access. She asked for PRAC to consider a future park in the area for these families.

Blane Meier: No comments to share.

Bill Daniels: Highlighted the change of operators for the Municipal Elevator has occurred. It now is operated by the Downtown Oregon City Association (DOCA). He requested that a public restroom be available in the area of the Municipal Elevator as it is the city's most popular tourist destination.

8. Staff reports

- a. Recreation update – Email for the monthly updates to PRAC members
- b. Park Operations Facility – Phil gave an update on the Park Operation Facility planning and will be presenting a proposal before City Commission at the April 11th Work Session with a refined budget and associated costs of the facility.
- c. Other - none

9. Future Agenda Items: Oregon City PD presentation

10. Next scheduled meeting

March 23, 2017

11. Adjournment: 9:11pm