



FINAL MINUTES

City of Oregon City
Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee

City Hall
625 Center Street, Oregon City, OR 97045

March 23, 2017

Attendance

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

Excused: Chris Cook

Staff: Phil Lewis, Community Services Director; Mike Day, Police Officer

Guests: Karen Buehrig and Kate Buehrig, Girl Scout Troop 45064

Regular Meeting

1. Call to order at 7:12pm
2. Introductions
3. Approval of minutes – February 23, 2017 Meeting Minutes: Approved
4. Citizen comments on issues and items not on the agenda:
 - a. Francesca Anton – present to support Girl Scout Troop 45064 Latourette Park project and shared information on tree inventory work occurring in McLoughlin Neighborhood and the need for additional volunteer work to remove ivy and invasive plants from parks in Oregon City. Suggested PRAC members visit the Portland Parks No Ivy League website.
5. Presentations
 - a. Presentation – Oregon City Police Department – Officer Day
Officer Mike Day presented information on park safety in Oregon City as well as information on a newly created Homeless Liaison Officer position which will go into effect beginning in July. Officer Day suggested members of the public call police if they

witness individuals in parks after hours or behaving in contrast with park rules during daytime use.

b. Presentation – Latourette Park – Girl Scout Troop 45064

Presented information on current conditions at Latourette Park as well as Troop 45064's efforts to conduct community outreach and planning for park redevelopment. Using grant funds, a community visioning workshop occurred in November 2016 with firm City Repair. Troop 45064 provided PRAC members a copy of the City Repair design document. They will be seeking an additional grant opportunity through the National Park Service for additional design work for the park.

6. General Business

a. Willamette Falls Legacy Project

Site visit for PRAC members scheduled for April 14th. Concept Plan is at the 75% phase and a preferred Concept Plan is scheduled to be unveiled on June 3rd at OMSI in the afternoon. Suggested to go to the website for additional information and to sign up for the e-newsletter.

b. Waterfront Master Plan

Work to occur beginning in next budget cycle starting in July. Funding for this project goes to the Budget Committee on May 1st.

c. Ermatinger House

The City is currently under contract with a local contractor for drywall and paint services. Work is beginning on programming the facility. City Commission has requested an update at the April 11th City Commission Work Session. Staff are working for a June 23rd soft opening to align with Oregon City Heritage Days which is a new Rose Festival event.

d. Buena Vista House

PGE was unwilling to provide an estimate for re-establishing electricity to the Buena Vista House. Staff are working with a contractor to determine a rough order of magnitude for installation of utilities to the site.

e. Carnegie Library Park

Discussion occurred regarding Carnegie Library Park and the current sign at the property which states the park name as 'Library Park'. Phil Lewis provided information from the

2006 City Council resolution which renamed the park as Carnegie Library Park. Doug Neeley gave background on why the park went through the renaming process and gave his opinion that the cost of remaking the sign was not worth the investment. Shawn Dachtler stated that he thought that the money spent on the signage is irrelevant and that the park sign should accurately reflect the name of the park. He additionally stated that Carnegie being included in the name was important for maintaining a historical connection. Bill Daniels commented that it is a historic site and he is opposed to the current sign and colors. Blane Meyers requested more information from the library staff and library board. He additionally thought that a compromise would be appropriate. Mike Mitchell stated that the park portion of the sign should read 'Carnegie Library Park' as designated by Commission. Joyce Gifford was in agreement with Mr. Mitchell and commented that PRAC was not involved in the signage prior to installation. Public comment was taken from Denyse McGriff on the background of the sign and her work with Library Director Maureen Cole to change the signage. She stated that McLoughlin Neighborhood Association was willing to fundraise for the replacement cost. She additionally gave comment that the property was donated by Dr. McLoughlin and in her opinion shouldn't be named after Carnegie. Joyce stated that it was not something that needed to be changed immediately. Phil summarized the conversation stating that PRAC is recognizing that this isn't something that needs to be taken care of immediately and that consensus should be made with all stakeholders to meet the needs of all groups. Bill Daniels motioned to table the agenda item until the next PRAC meeting, Doug Neeley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

f. Park SDC Budget

Bill Daniels requested a discussion on the Parks SDC budget. He is interested in further discussion on spending SDC funds on currently developed parks to expand capacity. Bill suggested creating a list of capacity building projects at current parks that could be undertaken in the long-term. Phil Lewis gave background on Park SDC's and the City's general philosophy on spending SDC's. Discussion occurred regarding spending funds on capacity building at current parks when the city has park properties that have been promised to the community but not built such as Glen Oak and Filbert Run Parks.

g. Glen Oak Park Grant Discussion

The Oregon State Park grant is due at the end of the month and will be submitted. The City should hear by early fall if the application was successful.

h. Oregon City Park Foundation Grant Proposal

Shawn Dachtler made a motion to support the OCPF grant application through the Hardy Plant Society and to have the PRAC chair write a letter of support. Doug Neeley seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

i. Other General Business

Shawn requested that one of the PRAC members discuss the Newell Creek Trailhead project if they attended.

7. PRAC Member Reports

Roger Fowler-Thias: Pioneer Community Center will be closed March 27-31 for maintenance and cleaning. OCPF will be applying for a grant through Hardy Plant Society to create habitat at the Pioneer Center and McLoughlin Promenade. There is a SOLV Ivy Pull scheduled for May 6th at Waterboard Park.

Shawn Dachtler: nothing to report.

Joyce Gifford: Attended second meeting of heritage group for Oregon City. June 23rd and 24th will be the OC Heritage Days event at local museums and sites of interest. Attended the Metro land use meeting at Hillendale Neighborhood Association for Newell Creek Canyon development. The plan calls for hammerhead turnaround areas at the end of Otter Lane and Beaver Lane adjacent to the trailhead property. She suggested that people write letters to Metro Council suggesting re-evaluation of dogs being allowed on their properties.

Mike Mitchell: OCPF meeting at 7pm on Tuesday, March 28th at First City Bistro. Oregon City Brewing has a 'Community Pints Night' on Tuesday nights where a one dollar donation going to the selected non-profit. OCPF is the March designated non-profit. Mike voiced concern about public initiated projects such as Latourette Park and juggling the required staff time and resources with current work plans and master plans for the parks and recreation system.

Doug Neeley: Greater Oregon City Watershed Council has raised funds to match Public Works project on Scattering Creek and associated sag ponds. The Clackamas Community College Environmental Learning Center is going through a major restoration this summer.

Permits have been secured salvage effort will be undertaken to remove the fauna from the ELC location and locate at sag ponds on City owned and Metro owned properties.

Lisa Novak: Made a personal goal to revisit all Oregon City Parks. Atkinson Park is one of her favorites. She's been attending neighborhood meetings and having side conversations with community members to determine their support for park improvements.

Blane Meier: Attended Newell Creek Canyon public meeting. He was happy to see Metro's interest in partnering with local community groups. Clackamas CC is starting a new bike share program. Attended Association of Rail and Transit Advocates for Oregon, Washington and Idaho where he provided an update on the Oregon City Train Station. On March 28th OC Business Alliance is hosting a lunch presentation at Abernathy Ballroom on land use.

Bill Daniels: Encourage everybody to take a walk down to Clackamette Park as we think about the Waterfront Master Plan efforts and the need for a new boat ramp.

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. Oregon City Enhancement Day – April 29th from 9am-12pm at Wesley Lynn Park.

9. Future Agenda Items: Acquisition strategy - recommendation for dedication of park land during development to Planning Department

10. Next scheduled meeting

April 27, 2017

11. Adjournment: 9:47pm