



## FINAL MINUTES

City of Oregon City  
Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee

City Hall  
625 Center Street, Oregon City, OR 97045

July 27, 2017

### **Attendance**

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

**Excused:** Blane Meier; Chris Cook

**Staff:** Phil Lewis, Community Services Director

**Guests:** none

### **Regular Meeting**

1. Call to order at 7:14pm
2. Introductions
3. Approval of minutes – June 22, 2017 Meeting Minutes  
Moved by Doug Neeley, seconded by Shawn Dachtler. Approved unanimously.
4. Citizen comments on issues and items not on the agenda
  - a. Tom O'Brien – thanked everyone for coming to the Filbert Run volunteer cleanup event.  
Noted that North Clackamas Parks & Recreation District was advertising their Movies in the Park events at the Oregon City Burgerville location and suggested that Oregon City Parks look into expanding our marketing area.
5. Presentations
  - a. Presentations – McLoughlin Promenade Wall Cap Replacement Project  
Phil Lewis presented information on an upcoming project to make repairs to the McLoughlin Promenade wall caps. Work will occur in Fall 2017 and is being funded through a Community Enhancement Grant and City funds.
6. General Business

- a. Carnegie Library Park – As requested by PRAC, Phil Lewis attended the July McLoughlin Neighborhood Association meeting to inform the neighborhood of the proposed name change of the park from Carnegie Library Park to Carnegie Park. Neighbors were generally supportive but requested more notification to the public regarding any future name changes on public parks. Phil will attend the CIC meeting on August 7, 2017 and will present on the name change at that meeting.
  - b. McLoughlin Canemah Trail – This coming Saturday, July 29<sup>th</sup> from 9am-1pm, the City will be hosting a “Greenway for a Day” event at locations between the McLoughlin Promenade and Canemah Children’s Park. The event will showcase proposed routes for the trail and staff will be available to answer questions and receive feedback. An ivy pull event will be hosted at Old Canemah Park from 9am-11am as part of the event.
  - c. Willamette Falls Legacy Project – Transportation Planning meeting #3 occurred July 26<sup>th</sup>. The meeting was a wrap-up on the previous meetings and general recommendations for transportation options relating to the Willamette Falls Legacy Project. Public comment is currently open on the Oregon City website.
  - d. Dog Off-Leash Areas – A draft version of an online survey was distributed to committee members. Suggestions for alterations were received from members. Distribution methods for the survey were discussed.
  - e. Latourette Park Planning & Phase 1 Development – The Latourette Park Core Team applied for and received a Community Enhancement Grant of \$25,000 to make improvements at Latourette Park. Phase 1 improvements include removing asphalt from the upper park and installing a small nature play area, moving the basketball standards from the upper park to the lower asphalt area. Partners on the project include DePave, CAIS, OCHS and National Park Service. A public engagement event is scheduled for September 10<sup>th</sup> from 3-5pm with live music by Big Yellow Taxi. Asphalt removal is anticipated to begin in Spring 2018.
  - f. Other General Business – none
7. PRAC Member Reports
- Roger Fowler-Thias: Pioneer Center has been working on improvements to the grounds. Landscaping on the corner of John Adams & 6th have been cleaned up to allow for more

visibility. The pathway project has been well received. The volunteer recognition event is scheduled on August 24<sup>th</sup> and will be managed by pool staff Melissa this year.

Mike Mitchell: Parks Foundation met Monday evening and received a couple of grants including ivy removal project at Waterboard Park which will require a substantial number of volunteer hours. The second grant was received from the Hardy Plant Society for plantings at Pioneer Center and McLoughlin Promenade/VFW.

Shawn Dachtler: No comments, but asked Roger Fowler-Thias and Mike Mitchell what the amount of money received from the two grants that were awarded to OCPF. Mike stated that the Hardy Plant Society grant was less than \$500 and the Community Enhancement grant was for approximately \$19,000.

Joyce Gifford: “Drop in for Parks” is occurring at Concerts in the Park. OCPF has been receiving approximately \$100 per week through bottle donations.

Doug Neeley: Greater Oregon City Watershed Council has worked at Abernathy Park to remove invasive plants and replant. Snowberry was replanted this past spring and is now full of needles. Doug noted that follow ups are required. GOCWC is also involved in the salvage operations at the environmental learning center at Clackamas Community College. The ponds will be improved.

Lisa Novak: Attended the first of a series of McLoughlin Canemah Trail planning meetings. Will also attend the Saturday “Greenway for a Day” event. Attended a couple of the Concerts in the Park events. Gave kudos on the events and thanked the staff involved in organizing.

Bill Daniels: nothing to report.

## 8. Staff reports

- a. Recreation update – Email for the monthly updates to PRAC members
- b. Parks & Recreation Funding Strategies – Funding strategies for parks and recreation will be presented at the upcoming City Commission Work Session on August 8<sup>th</sup>.

## 9. Future Agenda Items: Park name for Glen Oak site should be set as a goal for late fall or early spring (Shawn Dachtler), Expanding Movies in the Park to six evenings (Doug Neeley), Invite Willamette Falls Symphony to perform patriotic songs on the Thursday evening after Independence Day (Doug Neeley), Explore forming park district or joining park district – possibly in winter (Bill Daniels), Buena Vista House & park lighting for Atkinson Park (Bill

Daniels), Possible Metro Enhancement Grant/5-year annual maintenance plan for the McLoughlin Promenade (Bill Daniels), Invasive Removal in Parks (Joyce Gifford), Funding for Natural Resources & Trail Connections in Parks (Joyce Gifford & Shawn Dachtler), Heritage Trees (Joyce Gifford)

10. Next scheduled meeting

September 28, 2017

11. Adjournment: 8:08pm