



## FINAL MINUTES

City of Oregon City  
Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee

City Hall  
625 Center Street, Oregon City, OR 97045

May 24, 2018

### **Attendance**

**Members:** Troy Bolinger; Chris Cook; Roger Fowler-Thias; Mike Mitchell; Doug Neeley; Karin Morey; Bill Daniels

**Excused:** Lisa Novak; Shawn Dachtler

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

**Guests:** none

### **Regular Meeting**

1. Call to order at 7:00pm
2. Introductions
3. Approval of minutes – April 26, 2018 Meeting Minutes  
Motion by Neeley to approve minutes as written, second by Morey, approved 6-0 with Daniels abstaining.
4. Citizen comments on issues and items not on the agenda - none
5. Presentations – none
6. General Business
  - a. Charter Park Ordinance – A presentation by Director Lewis was given to outline Chapter X of the Oregon City Charter and the specific protections that it gives to parks in Oregon City. A facilitated discussion occurred regarding the properties that could most easily be designated through ordinance as parks and a phased approach to adopt other properties as parks. Next steps for the project include bringing forward a recommendation from PRAC to the City Commission to recognize the easily designated parks through ordinance. Further discussion and refinement will happen for the more difficult parks. A motion was made by Neeley to not include Dement Park in the list of

parks to be recommended as adopted by ordinance as a park by Commission, seconded by Daniels. The motion passed 7-0. Neeley motioned to make a recommendation to City Commission to adopt Chapin, Filbert Run, Glen Oak, Hartke, Hazelwood, Hillendale, Park Place, Richard Bloom Tot, Shenandoah, and Wesley Lynn Parks as parks by ordinance. Daniels seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.

- b. PRAC Goals Update – nothing to report.
- c. Buena Vista House – Estimates received from a couple of construction firms. The stakeholder group has developed a scope of work to receive further estimates. Staff are working with the Building Official to refine the scope of work. Buena Vista House is eligible for historic designation because of cultural significance.
- d. Willamette Falls Legacy Project – The property owner is current on utility bills and taxes. The project partners have decided to move forward with the joint permit application. Staff are working on environmental studies and design criteria for park amenities. Site tours for early June opened to the public and filled quickly.
- e. Ermatinger House – Lead Docent Lisa Demaris has been hired and is preparing for the Oregon City Heritage Days event on June 22-23. Additionally staff is preparing for the Ermatinger House Grand Opening on July 7, 2018 from 12-4pm.
- f. ODOT I-205 Abernethy Bridge Widening Project – ODOT is in the process of widening I-205 at the Abernethy Bridge. The work will impact Jon Storm Park and Sportcraft Boat Ramp Park. Columns to support the bridge would be built next to park property and some of the support structure will overhang the park property. Additionally ODOT is requesting temporary right of way and staging space on park property during the construction process. There are obvious impacts to the park, staff are working with ODOT on mitigation through the 6(f) and 4(f) processes. A June Commission Work Session presentation is scheduled and a formal request to add it to the November ballot will occur at the Commission Meeting in July. ODOT is scheduled to present to PRAC on July 26.
- g. Other General Business –
  - a. PRAC Tour – scheduled for June 28 with an approximate timeline of 5:30-8:30pm.

- b. Latourette Park – Open House occurred earlier this evening. The stakeholder group requested to have a letter of support written by the PRAC Chair on behalf of the Committee for a basketball court resurfacing grant through Nike. A motion was made by Morey and seconded by Neeley. The motion passed 7-0.

## 7. PRAC Member Reports

Bill Daniels: nothing to report.

Roger Fowler-Thias: Pioneer Center – seed to supper class is full, dealing with homeless impacts on the grounds, thank you to the parks staff for maintaining the grounds, senior day trips are well attended, Jaime Davie has taken additional trainings and can conduct driver orientations, driver Karl is retiring and we are conducting interviews for his replacement. Oregon City Park Foundation – interviewing contractors for ivy removal spraying at Waterboard Park, Rosario Franco Restoration was the winning bidder and is recommending three sprayings to occur scheduled this spring, this fall, and fall 2019. Another 35 plants have been planted at the Promenade native planting area with watering and weeding regularly. The VFW is allowing use of their faucet for watering.

Mike Mitchell: nothing to report.

Doug Neeley: When at the Memorial Day Ceremony, visit the Parents of Murdered Children memorial which is very moving.

Chris Cook: nothing to report.

Karin Morey: Monday at 10am is the Memorial Day Ceremony at Mt. View Cemetery.

Troy Bolinger: nothing to report.

## 8. Staff reports

- a. Recreation update – Email monthly updates to PRAC members
- b. Parking Enforcement – several complaints have been received regarding parking at Park Place Park due to the Charter Academy across the street. Staff are in communication with Academy administration and we are working on long term solutions.
- c. Park Deferred Maintenance & Park Funding – working on a best approach on discussions with City Commission and PRAC to review park deferred maintenance needs.

## 9. Future Agenda Items – discussion of hosting a Sunday Parkways type street closure event (Neeley)

## 10. Next scheduled meeting – June 28, 2018 (Park Tour)

11. Adjournment: 8:36pm