

CITY OF OREGON CITY
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes
City Hall Commission Chambers
Thursday, December 7, 2023 at 8:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 8:00pm.

INTRODUCTIONS

Members: Ken Worcester, Timothy Lainhart, Joyce Gifford (remote), Steve Williams (remote)

Staff: Kendall Reid, Parks and Recreation Director; Kori Buth, Administrative Assistant

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of October 26th, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Tim Lainhart motioned to approve previous PRAC minutes.

Ken Worcester seconded the motion.

Roll call passed motion.

PUBLIC COMMENT

PRESENTATIONS

GENERAL BUSINESS

Discussion of Work Session interviews to relay recommendations to Mayor Denyse McGriff for PRAC position appointments.

Joyce asked if we had to appoint the non-resident applicant to PRAC. Kendall clarified that we are not required to appoint anyone, but the by-laws do allow us to have up to two non-resident members on the committee at a time. We have one currently appointed.

Steve Williams began the conversation with his thoughts on the candidates interviewed. He recommended that the existing PRAC members, Tim Wuest and Emily Lisborg, be reappointed to their positions, as they both contribute to the group in a beneficial and valuable way.

Tim Lainhart shares the same feeling and mentioned that Emily has only held her position for one year and looks forward to her having the opportunity to serve a full term on the committee.

Ken Worcester agrees and feels the committee has a good momentum going currently and feels good about only adding two new members, by recommending reappointment of Tim Wuest and Emily Lisborg, to the group right now, rather than four.

Joyce also mentioned the benefit that Emily Lisborg brings to PRAC by also being involved in the Natural Resource Committee (NRC).

Ken Worcester moved to recommend the reappointment of Emily Lisborg and Tim Wuest to their existing PRAC positions.

Tim Lainhart seconded the motion.

Roll call passed the motion.

It was agreed among all committee members to continue the discussion on filling the two additional vacant positions.

Ken Worcester spoke on keeping the group balanced with members of young children and those that might be empty nesters. Those with young children may be the best advocates and those with the greatest needs as far as resources and park spaces. Hopes to preserve the livability of the city for families.

Tim Lainhart likes to see the number of applicants we had and their broad range of strengths and backgrounds. As a father of young children himself, he agrees with Ken and believes that all applicants brought something special and new but two candidates stood out to him.

Joyce mentioned that a couple applicants stood out to her as well and appreciated that one of them spoke Spanish. That would be a good addition to the committee.

Steve Williams is excited for the potential to have a full committee with no vacant positions. He identified Erin McClellan and David Bone as the two candidates that stood out to him. Spoke to the values they would both bring to the group.

Joyce, Tim Lainhart, and Ken echoed Steve's thoughts and Tim pointed out that he felt Shannon Ehleringer was also a very strong candidate and appreciated her military background. Committee members wish we could appoint all the applicants, but Erin and David ranked the highest.

Tim Lainhart moved to recommend the appointment of Erin McClellan and David Bone to the vacant PRAC positions.

Ken Worcester seconded the motion.

Roll call passed the motion.

Steve Williams asked about what the process is for doing outreach to candidates that were not selected for positions. Kendall responded, stating that the City Recorder does the outreach, and what the remainder of the process looks like. Steve mentioned that we want to try to keep all the applicants engaged and interested, even if they are not appointed.

STAFF REPORTS

MEMBER REPORTS

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING – January 25th, 2024

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting ended about 8:30 pm