

City of Oregon City
Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
Virtual Meeting Thursday, August 27, 2020 at 7:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order shortly after 7:00 pm

INTRODUCTIONS

Members: Brent Haverkamp; Shawn Dachtler; Andy Crump; Doug Neeley; Troy Bolinger; Derick Cogle; Alicia Hammock; Karin Morey

Staff: Kendall Reid, Parks and Recreation Director; Denise Conrad, Assistant Parks and Recreation Director; Kathy Wiseman, Senior Center Supervisor; Rochelle Anderholm-Parsch, Aquatic and Recreation Manager; Jonathan Waverly, Parks Manager

Guests: Matthew Weintraub, Tourism Program Specialist, Economic Development Department; Laura Terway, Community Development Director; Cameron McCredie, Chair of the McLoughlin Neighborhood Association; Jesse Buss, Oregon City resident; Don Robertson, previous Interim Director of Community Services

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Minutes of the June 30, 2020 Regular Meeting

*Troy Bolinger moved to approve the minutes; Shawn Dachtler seconded
All in Favor: Troy Bolinger; Derick Cogle; Alicia Hammock; Shawn Dachtler; Andy Crump; Brent Haverkamp; Doug Neeley; Karin Morey*

All opposed: none

Motion passed unanimously.

2. Minutes of the July 30, 2020 Regular Meeting

*Doug Neeley moved to approve the minutes; Shawn Dachtler seconded
All in Favor: Troy Bolinger; Derick Cogle; Alicia Hammock; Shawn Dachtler; Andy Crump; Brent Haverkamp; Doug Neeley; Karin Morey*

All opposed: none

Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no citizen comments.

Ms. Morey confirmed with Cameron McCredie and Jesse Buss that they wished to speak under item #5, Upper Yard Charter Park Designation, rather than in Public Comments.

PRESENTATIONS

GENERAL BUSINESS

3. Oregon City Oregon Film Trail Site

Matthew Weintraub, Tourism Program Specialist with the Economic Development Department thanked the PRAC members for their service, then went through the Oregon City Film Trail Signage presentation. To help promote tourism in Oregon City, Mr. Weintraub was asking for PRAC's support in placing two sign panels on the McLoughlin Promenade highlighting key movies and TV shows that were filmed in Oregon City. No funding from the Parks Department would be needed. The location of the signage is yet to be determined, but a light pole or the flagpole are being considered, rather than digging down into the basalt cliffside. Mr. Dachtler pointed out that it is against national flag etiquette to place a sign on or near a flagpole and he recommended against doing that. Mr. Bolinger noted that Mr. Dachtler was correct and liked the idea of the sign having its own post. More questions were asked and answered pertaining to the ability to add more information and a plan to repair vandalized signs. Ms. Morey gave a Statement of Contact that she had taken part in the Tourism Group and had created a website listing everything that has been filmed in Oregon City. She asked if members felt that she should recuse herself from the vote. Mr. Bolinger noted that he thought if this were a more serious matter that they would ask Ms. Morey to recuse herself, although he felt that it wouldn't matter in this situation. Ms. Morey asked for a vote to approve the concept of the signage and to have Mr. Weintraub return when the location had been determined. Doug Neeley so moved, Andy Crump seconded.

All in Favor: Troy Bolinger; Derick Cogle; Alicia Hammock; Shawn Dachtler; Andy Crump; Brent Haverkamp; Doug Neeley; Karin Morey (with a note of previous contact)

All opposed: none

Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Weintraub thanked the committee for the vote of confidence and stated that he would work with Kendall Reid and Staff to determine a location and would come back.

4. Additional Permitting and Notification Draft Policy for City Tree Removal

Laura Terway, Community Development Director, presented the Additional Permitting and Notification Draft Policy for City Tree Removal. Ms. Terway discussed the new draft policy that includes an internal review process, considers alternatives to tree removal and defines the public notification process that would

apply when the City wants to remove a significant tree that is either on City or Urban Renewal property or within the right-of-way. The policy would require, in some circumstances, a report from a certified arborist with analysis and alternatives, including the cost. Ms. Terway noted that an additional requirement in this policy is to establish an annual budget with dedicated funding to make alternatives to tree removal feasible. Jonathan Waverly, Parks Manager, stated that he thinks they need funding, particularly for the cost of the arborist reports. If the funding is in place, Mr. Waverly is ok with the policy. Mr. Reid noted that he had discussed with Staff to ensure they have the resources. Knowing that they will sometimes need to make unpopular decisions to remove trees (ADA issues, trip hazards, diseased trees), Mr. Reid thought it was good that the City Manager could make the decision to move forward. Kathy Wiseman commented that it is important to look at what the site is being used for as part of the assessment process. Mr. Neeley agreed with Mr. Waverly about funding, not wanting P&R budget reduced to support this policy, and he hoped the City Commission would identify additional money and consider possibly putting an arborist on staff if the need arose. Mr. Haverkamp and Mr. Bolinger also noted their concerns about funding. When asked where the money would come from, Ms. Terway responded that she felt it was reasonable to allocate \$30,000 per department in new revenue for arborist reports and alternative implementation. Doug Neeley moved to support of the draft policy as proposed; Alicia Hammock seconded. Mr. Bolinger asked if the motion included the funding. Doug Neeley modified the motion to include \$30,000 per department in funding; Alicia Hammock seconded.

All in favor: Derick Cougle; Alicia Hammock; Andy Crump; Doug Neeley; Karin Morey

All opposed: Troy Bolinger; Shawn Dachtler; Brent Haverkamp;

The motion passed with 5 Yes votes and 3 No votes.

During the voting process, Mr. Haverkamp asked Ms. Terway to confirm the total amount of funding. Ms. Terway replied that it would be \$30,000 for Parks and \$30,000 for Public Works.

After the vote, Ms. Terway stated that she would communicate the concerns about funding and about too much process and response. Mr. Neeley pointed out that Ms. Wiseman's concerns should be noted too. Ms. Terway agreed and summarized that this policy provides a process; it is not meant to stop tree removal, just explain why.

5. Upper Yard Charter Park Designation Update

Cameron McCredie, as a representative from the McLoughlin Neighborhood Association, requested 5 minutes to show a video; Lower Water Board Park Video Testimony. Ms. Morey agreed. The video, showcasing the history of the land and citizen comments of support, was played for the members. Jesse Buss, Oregon City resident, stated his support of giving Charter Park protection to the Upper Yard. Mr. Buss commented that this issue, which has extensive

community support, has been discussed many times in various committees, including a vote of support by PRAC in 2018. Mr. Buss noted that although it has taken awhile, the discussion has moved onto the City Commission and he felt that the time has passed for PRAC to weigh in. Jim Nicita, resident of Oregon City and amateur historian, stated his view that the Camp Adair buildings should be viewed as treasures deserving of a fair and involved disposition process with the City offering support to whomever acquires them. Mr. Reid noted that Staff's main concerns are wanting to do what is best for the community and to make sure the land is not turned over to Parks in disarray to be remediated with resources they don't have. Ms. Morey gave a Statement of Chair, then recused herself from the vote; noting that there is no verifiable proof that the Upper Yard was ever part of the park. Ms. Morey doesn't understand the hurry and has serious concerns with the Parks Department taking on the expense of making the property park ready. Mr. Haverkamp asked for clarification on what is a Charter Park. Mr. Reid noted that making any major changes to a Charter Park will require a community vote. Ms. Terway added that the modifications don't have to be related to park use. Discussion followed with Mr. Cougle and Mr. Neeley expressing their support for the designation. Other members, including Mr. Dachtler, Ms. Hammock and Mr. Bolinger, shared their concerns with getting locked into the limitations of the Charter Park designation, the budgetary concerns and many questioned the need for urgency. Troy Bolinger made a motion that PRAC does not support making the Upper Yard a Charter Park at this time; Shawn Dachtler seconded.

All in favor: Troy Bolinger; Alicia Hammock; Shawn Dachtler; Andy Crump; Brent Haverkamp

All opposed: Derick Cougle; Doug Neeley

Abstain: Karin Morey

The motion passed with 5 Yes votes, 2 No votes and 1 Abstain.

Ms. Morey stated that this would be brought to the City Commission and they will see what the future brings.

MEMBER REPORTS

Ms. Morey: Reported that she has an abundance of the blue can/bottle recycling bags that support the Oregon City Parks Foundation. If anyone would like some, they may contact her. Mr. Neeley and Mr. Haverkamp expressed interest. She noted that the Oregon City cemetery received a grant for a new computer system that will provide better information on the cemetery. She also thanked Staff for providing Parks information and continuing to engage the community during this time.

No other members provided reports.

STAFF REPORTS

Rochelle Anderholm-Parsch, Aquatics and Recreation Manager, provided information on the upcoming Drive-In Movies events on September 11, 12 and 19; pre-registration is required and all OHA guidelines will be followed. The Ermatinger House will be reopening for tours on September 5; pre-registration is required. A survey was put out to gather information community childcare needs.

Kathy Wiseman, Senior Center Supervisor, thanked the PRAC members for volunteering to serve on this very important board. All volunteer efforts at this time are much appreciated and keeps the community going.

Mr. Reid thanked Denise Conrad for being a rock star and gave kudos for her hard work on the two current construction projects at Tyrone S. Woods and D.C. Latourette Parks.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

6. List of Future Agenda Items

- Tyrone S. Woods Memorial Park - 12/5/2019
- Parks and Recreation Funding
- Clackamas Park Master Plan
- Buena Vista House - 1/23/2020
- WES Good Neighbor Funds
- Joint Operations Center
- Willamette Falls Legacy Project
- Property Acquisition
- Dog Park - 2/27/2020 – 9/24/2020
- Review Goals - 2/27/2020
- The Cove

Mr. Neeley requested that they are informed of the value breakdown of the deferred maintenance/projects list prior to working with the City Commission.

Ms. Morey stated that she and Mr. Dachtler had informed Mr. Reid that the deferred maintenance needs to be reviewed based on actual cost. Mr. Reid assured the members that this item is a priority. He is looking at reassessing the numbers, possibly by hiring outside help to confirm them, and will then share with PRAC.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING – September 24, 2020

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:57pm by Chair Karin Morey