

City of Oregon City
Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
Virtual Meeting Thursday, July 30, 2020 at 7:00 PM

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order shortly after 7:00 pm

2. Introductions

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

Staff: Kendall Reid, Parks and Recreation Director; Don Robertson, Interim Director of Community Services; Denis Conrad, Assistant Parks and Recreation Director

3. Approval of Minutes

Karin Morey discussed someone making a motion to move items 1-5 (past minutes) for approval to the Consent Agenda. Doug Neeley so moved; Shawn Dachtler seconded. All voted in favor.

4. Citizen Comments

There were no citizen comments.

5. General Business

5a. Introduction of New Director

Discussion with PRAC Members regarding how Kendall Reid can help move OC Parks forward and what are the members' vision of PRAC. Troy Bolinger stated that the group sometimes needed reminders of what was previously asked and making sure things are brought back to them is important. Derick Cogle requested transparency and making sure the information flow with other stakeholders is functioning. Shawn Dachtler requested help advocating for PRAC to make sure they are included on decisions and discussions had at City Commission meetings. Andy Crump wanted to make sure deferred maintenance project are being looked at, but there should also be a balance with new projects. Doug Neeley suggested looking at the Committee's goals to gain an understanding of where their interests lie. Mr. Neeley requested a future joint meeting with City Commission to talk about underfunding in the department and noted his concerns about City Commission taking action on Parks & Recreation items without involving PRAC. Brent Haverkamp stated his most important items were transparency and communication and expressed his hopes to expand the Parks & Recreation Department to better serve the community. Alicia Hammock wanted to make sure the message gets across to the Commission of how understaffed and underfunded the department is. Jeff Sargent noted that budget

and funding are at the top of his list, but vandalism and the lack of citizen involvement are concerns as well. Karin Morey discussed two prior City Work Sessions in which they discussed staffing and deferred maintenance. Ms. Morey pointed out the need for comps of other regional parks (acreage maintained, staffing numbers, etc.) in order to have real information to bring to the City Commission.

5b. Discussion of Upcoming Issues

Don Robertson discussed the Deferred Maintenance/Projects list and explained the different needs between the facilities (primarily EOT) and four parks themselves. Mr. Robertson noted that a number of items were recently completed since the list was compiled and recommended using the list as a means to find solutions.

Mr. Robertson moved the discussion to Waterboard Park and the Upper Yard, noting two differing arguments on this subject; the first being that land is finite and should be acquired when it becomes available, the second being that with the large deferred maintenance list why take on more potential liability. Mr. Robertson reviewed a previous vote from two years ago in which the Committee voted by a narrow margin to recommend approval of incorporating the Upper Yard into Waterboard Park and making it a charter park. He suggested to the Committee that they have another discussion on the subject to determine if that was the appropriate decision. Kendall Reid added that he had some discussion with Tony Konkol on the subject and will have more information to share at the next meeting. Members discussed the options for the property and the need to act quickly as the City Commission was moving forward on this item without asking for PRAC input. Members consented to set up a special meeting prior to the next City Commission meeting to which Mr. Reid agreed. No disagreements were noted.

6. Consent Agenda

*Minutes of the December 5, 2019 Regular Meeting and Work Session
Minutes of the October 24, 2019 Regular Meeting
Minutes of the January 28, 2016 Regular Meeting
Minutes of the December 3, 2015 Regular Meeting
Minutes of the May 28, 2015 Regular Meeting*

Approval of previous minutes had been moved to the Consent Agenda portion of the meeting. Shawn Dachtler made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda; Doug Neeley seconded the motion. The vote was taken; Consent Agenda was unanimously approved.

7. Member Reports

Mr. Neeley: Disagreed with Mr. Dachtler's statement that PRAC is one of the few advisory boards without political divisions. He didn't

think that any advisory board had that issue, but it is an issue within certain governing boards in the City.

Mr. Haverkamp: Reported that Park Place Park had new playground equipment installed, but due to the current Covid situation, no one can use it.

Mr. Dachtler: Reported that he attended the first 2040 Comprehensive Plan Review Meeting and there are concerns about getting the information out to the public. He encouraged the group to send the survey out to friends and family. He also noted that the McLoughlin Promenade parking lot maintenance work looks outstanding.

Mr. Bolinger: Reported that on July 17th he was able to attend an in-person Oregon City community event; the Preserve our Past Art & Poetry contest award ceremony. Monetary prizes were awarded by the Optimists Club in three separate small group gatherings.

Ms. Morey: Gave a huge thank you to Mr. Bolinger for attending that event honoring May as Historic Preservation Month.

Mr Cougle: No report

Ms. Hammock: No report

Mr. Sargent: No report

8. Staff Reports

Mr. Robertson deferred to Denise Conrad to give the reports.

Tyrone S. Woods Memorial Park

Ms. Conrad reported that the timeline has been extended until mid-February in order to meet some necessary requirements. They are currently in the cut and fill / grading process and are finding an excess of boulders on site. Some of which will be utilized at D.C. Latourette Park for a boulder wall, which provides some cost savings. The VFW has secured and ordered a memorial monument and a 25' flagpole with funding through donations and fundraisers.

D.C. Latourette Park

Ms. Conrad reported that the contract has been awarded by the City Commission and their next step is to have a pre-construction meeting on-site on Aug. 6. They have updated The D.C. Latourette Army Corp Team, a group of Girl Scouts, who are eager to participate in the project. They will have further discussions to find

the right project for the team to participate in safety. The City wants to facilitate their community activity.

Mr. Reid discussed how he has hit the ground running; taking time to learn from Mr. Robertson and setting up one on one meeting with Staff to determine how to provide the support necessary.

9. Future Agenda Items

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
- Review Goals - 2/27/2020
- The Cove

Ms. Morey turned this topic over to Mr. Robertson who stated that he had reviewed the idea of including future agenda items on the meeting agenda with Mr. Reid, add a date when items are discussed and assign a target date to discuss items. This will ensure that nothing gets lost in the shuffle.

Ms. Morey added in a thank you to Mr. Robertson for his work as Interim Director and she noted that she is looking forward to working with Mr. Reid.

10. NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING - August 27, 2020

11. ADJOURNMENT *Meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m. by Chair Karin Morey*