City of Oregon City

Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

Virtual Meeting Tuesday, June 30, 2020 at 7:00 PM

1. **Call to Order**
   Meeting called to order shortly after 7:00 pm

2. **Introductions**
   Members: *Brent Haverkamp; Shawn Dachtler; Andy Crump; Doug Neeley; Troy Bolinger; Derick Cougle; Alicia Hammock; Karin Morey*

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

   Guests: *Tim Wuest and Debra Brownlee from the Hillside Pickleball Club; Shelly Parini, Business and Community Relations and Jeff Stallard, Project Manager from Clackamas Water Environmental Services*

3. **Citizen Comment**
   There were no citizen comments.

4. **Approval of Minutes**
   4a. Minutes of the February 27, 2020 Regular Meeting
   Karin Morey asked for comments, received none and noted that the minutes were approved as distributed.

5. **Presentations**
   5a. Clackamas Water Environmental Services Outfall Project
   Don Robertson introduced this item with the disclaimer that it will be more of an informational presentation as it has already gone through City Commission. PRAC could make a motion to support or recommend against moving forward. Shelly Parini began the presentation titled: Tri-City Water Resource Recovery Facility Outfall Project. Ms. Parini reviewed the project to build an outfall pipeline underneath Jon Storm Park that would be large enough to provide capacity until 2080. She also noted that the project is fully funded and will be put up for vote on the Oregon City ballot in the November 3 elections. Jeff Stallard went on to explain the details of how they determined the best alignment route, what is the general construction plan and their efforts to minimize and mitigate the impacts this project will bring to the area. Ms. Parini concluded by stating that the park will be restored to its original condition and WES will provide additional resources to invest in enhancements. It will be up to PRAC and City Commission to determine how that $200,000 can best be used.

Ms. Morey asked Mr. Robertson for his suggestions for utilizing the funds. Mr. Robertson recommended completing a site survey of the trees near the trail that runs between Clackamette and Jon Storm parks and any remaining funds should go toward the Clackamette Park master plan. Ms. Morey asked for a motion to accept Clackamas Water Environmental Services Outfall Project as presented and use the mitigation funds for a tree survey and use any leftover funds for the master plan for Clackamette Park. Derick Cougle so moved, Andy Crump seconded.
All in favor: Derick Cougle; Brent Haverkamp; Shawn Dachtler; Andy Crump; Troy Bolinger; Doug Neeley; Alicia Hammock; Karin Morey

All opposed: none

Motion passed.

5b. Hillendale Pickleball Club
Mr. Robertson introduced Tim Wuest and Debra Brownlee from the Hillendale Pickleball Club who were there to share their vision for pickleball. Mr. Robertson noted his apologies as this item was on the agenda at the time meetings were cancelled due to Covid. PRAC could make a motion to approve their proposed improvements or to deny them; Staff recommends approval. Mr. Wuest began by stating that the Hillendale Pickleball Club has worked hard to become one of the best pickleball courts in the Portland area and people come from all around to play there. With their 8 courts, only 6 are playable at a time due to Covid restrictions. The club was seeking approval to pour a 20' x 30' cement pad and add a set of 3-row bleachers. The long-term plan would be to build a fence to enclose the area as well. The project is fully funded, and they have a contractor and volunteers in place. Mr. Wuest also added an item that was not on the agenda to request the make four of the courts designated pickleball courts. Mr. Wuest explained that would mean eliminating the tennis court from the location and adding in permanent pickleball netting. Debra Brownlee presented information about the popularity of pickleball and the need to grow the sport through youth involvement. Questions were asked and answered. All who commented expressed their support of the cement pad and bleacher construction. Ms. Morey asked for a motion to approve the Pickleball Club's proposition as presented, which would be funded by them and was agreed to by the Parks Department, including only the bleachers and the pad. Mr. Dachtler moved to approve the request regarding the bleachers and concrete pad, Mr. Crump seconded.
All in favor: Troy Bolinger; Derick Cougle; Andy Crump; Doug Neeley; Brent Haverkamp; Alicia Hammock; Shawn Dachtler; Karin Morey

All opposed: none

The motion passed.

Ms. Morey then asked to hear from the members on the second request to eliminate a tennis court in order to make four dedicated pickleball courts. Members provided input and were split on the idea of eliminating the tennis court. Ms. Morey concluded that it would be a good idea for the Pickleball Club to make a formal proposition with more information at a later date.

6. **General Business**

6a. Willamette Jet Boat Tours

Mr. Robertson went through a request that was brought to Staff by the owners of Willamette Jet Boat Tours to use the boat dock located at Jon Storm Park. This request would also need to go through City Commission. Mr. Robertson listed a number of requirements that Willamette Jet Boats would need to meet in order to be approved, including seeking alternate parking as the lot at the park will not accommodate the expected number of participants. If PRAC recommends moving forward, the next step would be to try to get on the July 15 City Commission agenda. PRAC's options were to make a motion to support the use of Jon Storm docks by Willamette Jet Boats or to oppose. Member discussion followed with questions asked and answered. Ms. Morey reminded the group of their options, Mr. Dachtler made a motion to endorse the request with the stipulations Mr. Robertson had made, Mr. Bolinger seconded.
All in favor: Alicia Hammock; Doug Neeley; Brent Haverkamp; Shawn Dachtler; Derick Cougle; Troy Bolinger; Andy Crump; Karin Morey

All opposed: none

The motion passed.

7. **Member Reports**

Ms. Morey:	*Reported that the cemetery received a $25,000 grant for improving the veteran's memorial area and noted that there will be more information coming about future fundraising. She noted that their request was the second highest rated in a group of twelve and that Staff did a wonderful job.*
Mr. Dachtler:	*Reported that the VFW also received a grant for $11,000 for a memorial and flagpole to be located at Tyrone S. Woods Park. He was curious how many other Parks-related grants were awarded. Mr. Robertson counted up a total of five.*
Mr Cougle:	*Reported that he had been around looking at the Heritage Trees in the area and expressed his wishes for a list of just the trees that you can see and visit. Many of the Heritage Trees are on private property. Mr. Cougle also noted his concerns about the Thimble Creek project on which they are pushing through codes and is up for a second reading at the next Commission meeting. He stated that as soon as the*

codes go through, they will start building which makes him highly concerned about the park plan and the forested area. He would like to group to revisit this item to have a plan in place when they start building.

Mr. Neeley: *Pointed out that many individuals have recommended Heritage Trees to the Natural Resources Committee and several have gone through. He noted that there is no reason why PRAC can't propose a Heritage Tree to the Natural Resources Committee. Ms. Morey added that she is helping recommend several trees at the cemetery. Mr. Neeley also mentioned that the City Commission is discussing and proceeding with the Upper Yard decision. He has spoken out at City Commission meetings, but it hasn't come up on PRAC agendas. Ms. Morey noted that she had brought it up to Mr. Robertson to make it clear that the issue needs to come before PRAC before City Commission makes their final decision.*

Mr. Haverkamp: *No report*

Mr. Bolinger: *No report*

Ms. Hammond: *No report*

8. Staff Reports

Governor's Phase 2 Reopening
Mr. Robertson reported that due to the situation in our area, it may be awhile before Clackamas County moves into Phase 2. When that decision is made it will allow for more activities to take place; baseball and softball games, drop ins at picnic shelters (no reservations), the pool will open with reduced activities, and spray parks will open.
Mr. Robertson deferred to Denise Conrad to give the other reports.

Tyrone S. Woods Memorial Park
Ms. Conrad reported that work has started, and things are moving along well, but due to some engineering requirements the completion timeline has been extended until February. She met with Mr. Dachtler and DJ Ruger to discuss donations for the memorial site and Bob McGee has made a donation of nine concrete benches.

D.C. Latourette Park
Ms. Conrad reported that the bid advertisement is out, five contractors participated in the pre-bid on-site meeting. The bid will open on July 7 and the project is on the July 15 City Commission agenda. November 30 has been set as the completion date. The have received questions on the bid site and Lisa

Oreskovich, Assistant to the City Manager, has been a tremendous help in working though the remote process.

Park Place Park
Ms. Conrad reported that the playground equipment has been demolished and site prep is taking place. The installation for the new equipment will begin around July 7. Mr. Robertson added that playgrounds will be open when we are in Phase 2. Mr. Haverkamp added that he has noticed families have been watching the construction process and they are very excited for the new equipment.

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

Mr. Robertson reported that things are progressing with the prospective candidate for the Director position, but there is no agreement in place yet, He anticipated the prospective candidate to be onboard before the next meeting. Mr. Robertson hopes to stay on briefly to help the new Director ease in and become familiar with the department and City.
Mr. Robertson noted that there has not been an update to the Future Agenda Items since February, and he suggested to wait until the new Director comes on to look at it. Mr. Robertson stated that he is preparing a final report for Tony Konkol, which will include Mr. Robertson's observational opinions of the department; mainly that they are short on funding and staff. Mr. Robertson provided a suggestion to look at the Future Agenda Items list with the perspective of what can reasonably be accomplished.
Ms. Morey added in a thank you to Mr. Robertson for his work and unmuted all members so they could give a round of applause.

10. **Next Schedule Meeting** – July 30, 2020

11. **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 8:53PM by Chair Karin Morey