

City of Oregon City
Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
Virtual Meeting Thursday, May 27, 2021 at 7:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order around 7:00 pm

INTRODUCTIONS

Members: *Tim Wuest; Brent Haverkamp; Shawn Dachtler; Andy Crump; Derick Cogle; Jeff Sargent; Karin Morey; Troy Bolinger*

Staff: *Kendall Reid, Parks and Recreation Director; Kathy Wiseman, Senior Center Supervisor; Rochelle Anderholm-Parsch, Aquatics and Recreation Manager; Jonathan Waverly, Parks and Cemetery Maintenance*

Guests: *Allen Hendy, Resident Engineer, ODOT Urban Mobility Office and Project Manager of the I-205 Improvements Project; Stephanie Serpico, Project Manager, HDR; Karen Tatman, Lead for Roadway and Bridges, Quincy Engineering; Brian Bauman, Environmental Permits Coordinator, HDR; Tom Gaskill, Greater Oregon City Watershed Council Executive Director; Melissa Tierney, Recreation Programmer, Oregon City Parks & Recreation; Jerry Hermann, President, Rivers of Life Center*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Minutes of the April 22, 2021 PRAC Meeting

Troy Bolinger called for questions or revisions on the minutes. Karin Morey commented on a process issue with the minutes. She pointed out that the mover or chair need to restate the motion in full so it is reflected in the minutes before the vote is taken. Karin Morey then moved to accept the minutes as written for April. Mr. Bolinger replied that he did not think it was necessary to restate again the motion unless there is a revision or addendum to the motion. Ms. Morey noted that her comment was made and is on the record. Andy Crump seconded the motion. The vote was taken.

All Approved: Tim Wuest; Karin Morey; Troy Bolinger; Jeff Sargent; Derick Cogle; Andy Crump; Shawn Dachtler; Brent Haverkamp

All Opposed: none

PUBLIC COMMENT

City Commissioner Denyse McGriff added her agreement with Ms. Morey's suggestion to restate the motion, noting that it is correct parliamentary procedure. Commissioner McGriff then introduced Stacie Hall who had contacted her with a concern. Ms. Hall relayed her concerns about the declining population of Monarch Butterflies and her request to have Parks involved in providing

milkweed plantings that would encourage the butterflies to come and stop the decline. Commissioner McGriff thanked PRAC members for their service and then added her support of getting involved in the Monarch Butterfly Pledge program.

PRESENTATIONS

GENERAL BUSINESS

2. ODOT I-205 Corridor Widening Project Update

Allen Hendy, Resident Engineer, ODOT Urban Mobility Office and Project Manager of the I-205 Improvements Project introduced the presenting team; Stephanie Serpico, Project Manager, HDR; Karen Tatman, Lead for Roadway and Bridges, Quincy Engineering; Brian Bauman, Environmental Permits Coordinator, HDR. Mr. Hendy went through a presentation detailing the I-205 Improvements from Stafford Road to OR-213. The presentation covered the project phases and the Abernethy Bridge reconfiguration with maps and detailed illustrations of the work to be completed. Mr. Hendy pointed out that the Abernethy Bridge widening will include two bridge slides, requiring full directional closures of the bridge over a weekend. Ms. Serpico discussed the Clackamette Drive restoration work and the details of successful ballot measure that allowed park area usage for construction, including a 4-year temporary work easement on Jon Storm Park and a 2.5-year temporary work easement on Sportcraft Boat Ramp Park. Questions were asked and answered regarding the impacts of the work easements, the phase 1 completion date and potential risks to the schedule, how the City would be compensated for the parks usage, the status of the project funding and any potential effects on the river flow.

The agenda was revised as Jerry Hermann was not available to present on Mitigation Funding at this point in the meeting.

3. Greater Oregon City Watershed Council Community Enhancement Grant Proposal for work at Abernethy Creek Park

Tom Gaskill, Greater Oregon City Watershed Council Executive Director, discussed Community-based Learning and Habitat Restoration in the Abernethy Creek Basin, a project that the Council was pursuing with Oregon City and Clackamas Community College. He noted that he was working on a proposal for a Community Enhancement Grant, in partnership with the Rivers of Life Center and CCC. Mr. Gaskill discussed the expansion of education and outreach efforts with two components: one at Abernethy Creek Park and one at CCC's Environmental Learning Center at Newell Creek. The presentation featured a map highlighting the area of interest for modest trail development and habitat restoration, to include removing invasive plants and planting natives. Mr. Gaskill mentioned that they would seek community support and youth engagement and would hold two outreach events; one in the fall to introduce the project and one in the spring to showcase what was

achieved. He added that volunteers from the Watershed Council would assist with maintenance. Jonathan Waverly, Parks and Cemetery Maintenance also noted his support of this project, stating that they will take all the help they can get. When asked what action was needed, Mr. Gaskill replied that a letter of support from PRAC to see this work happen would be a hugely helpful. Mr. Bolinger stated that a motion was not needed, members would just have to decide amongst themselves to provide a letter of support and asked for member comments. Mr. Haverkamp noted his 100% support; Mr. Wuest agreed; Ms. Morey moved to support options 1 & 2 of the presentation that had been made; Mr. Bolinger stated that following Robert's Rules of Order, a motion was not needed for a letter of support, but now that one was on the floor, he asked for a second. No second was given and Mr. Bolinger declared the motion dead, then asked for further thoughts. Mr. Haverkamp restated his support and Mr. Bolinger noted his support of providing a letter as well, but added that PRAC is not in a position to make a decision for monetary contributions. Mr. Cougle voiced his support and Ms. Morey stated that she was clearly in favor, but still felt a motion should be on the record. As no members opposed, Mr. Bolinger agreed to provide a letter of support to Mr. Gaskill. Mr. Gaskill thanked the group and added that they were all invited to the outreach events.

4. Oregon City Parks and Recreation Scholarship Program and Grant Funding

Melissa Tierney, Recreation Programmer for the Parks & Recreation Department, provided a presentation on the Parks & Recreation Seasonal Camps. Ms. Tierney discussed the need to restructure the scholarship program after a cost analysis revealed that an increase in camps fees was necessary; as the cost of camps increased, so did the financial need. Ms. Tierney explained how a partnership was formed with the Oregon City Parks Foundation, which established the Elyejah Dean Hauff Memorial Fund and received a \$2000 grant from OnPoint Community Credit Union. Using this funding, Ms. Tierney noted that they have awarded 28 scholarships to date. Ms. Tierney reviewed the outreach efforts that took place with the school district and community groups, including a Latinx leader group. She shared that they received a \$48,770 from the Oregon Camp Grant Fund, which will be used for facility maintenance and for projects and supplies that will provide current and future benefits to camps. She concluded by stating that they will continue to expand the community outreach and funding opportunities.

5. Mitigation Funding

Jerry Hermann, Rivers of Life Center President, presented information on a potential funding source for wildlife and natural resource enhancement in parks and open spaces and was seeking a letter of support. Mr. Herrmann discussed the Lower Harbor Trust Fund, it's history and guidelines and how other cities have been able to benefit. In his presentation, Mr. Hermann defined the area of focus as the North End District. He outlined some

benefits of the funding including a professional assessment and assistance with design, contracts and permitting agencies, and would include a host fee coming back to the City. He reviewed how other cities have used this funding and what Oregon City projects could be eligible. Mr. Herrmann asked that PRAC consider sending a letter of support to the City Commission to further explore this new flow of funding and he provided a draft letter. Mr. Haverkamp asked questions seeking clarification on the host fee concept, which Mr. Herrmann explained further. Ms. Morey summarized that Mr. Herrmann was seeking City backing to pursue these funds and she supported a recommendation being made. Mr. Wuest recommended signing Mr. Herrmann's letter, but asked who would take the ball from there. Mr. Herrmann replied that it was up the City, but suggested that Public Works or Parks Department made sense. Mr. Bolinger confirmed that Tim Wuest had made a motion to send a letter of support; Andy Crump seconded; the vote was taken.

*All Approved: Tim Wuest; Karin Morey; Troy Bolinger; Jeff Sargent; Derick Cougle; Andy Crump; Shawn Dachtler; Brent Haverkamp
All Opposed: None*

6. Permanent Pickleball Nets at Hillendale Park

Tim Wuest, representing the Hillendale Pickleball Club, discussed their proposal to expand the availability of Pickleball to all by having the City purchase and install four permanent nets, noting that the Pickleball Club brings in more people daily to Oregon City parks than any other activity. Mr. Wuest stated that the cost of the nets and installation would be \$11,000. His presentation illustrated the current configuration and improvements, like the concrete pad for seating and storage, that the Club had already made to the area. He restated his request for permanent nets and described some future wish list items. Members expressed their appreciation of Mr. Wuest's passion for Pickleball and what the Club has accomplished, but also voiced concerns over where the money would come from and did provide some suggestions. Mr. Wuest replied that he understood where they were at but wanted to get this item on the City's radar to get more people into the parks.

7. PRAC Member Appointment Recommendations

Mr. Bolinger reminded the group that they had met with candidate Frank Bocchetti and had then discussed their thoughts. He reviewed their options; to make a motion and then vote to recommend the candidate to the Mayor, or to not make a motion to recommend and reopen the application process. Mr. Bolinger then asked for a discussion. Ms. Morey stated that she thought Mr. Bocchetti would be a wonderful addition to the Clackamette Park Master Plan group but was not sure if he was the addition they needed to the Committee, suggesting that they reach out to Neighborhood Associations for other candidates who are City taxpayers to fill the gap. Mr. Dachtler and Mr. Haverkamp agreed with Ms. Morey. Mr. Cougle disagreed and felt that enthusiasm can play a large part and added that he understood the concern

about fiscal awareness. Karin Morey moved to reopen the position, adding in that they also had a teen position to fill and recommended they go to the CIC and Neighborhood Association Chairs for interested City residents. Mr. Bolinger clarified that the motion was to open the PRAC position to applications and asked for a second; Shawn Dachtler seconded the motion.

All Approved: Tim Wuest; Karin Morey; Troy Bolinger; Jeff Sargent; Andy Crump; Shawn Dachtler; Brent Haverkamp

All Opposed: Derick Cogle

Mr. Dachtler encouraged Mr. Reid to speak with high school counselors to plant the seed with students now to get a high school representative in the fall. He added that JROTC members may have an interest.

MEMBER REPORTS

Ms. Morey: Reported that the Oregon City Parks Foundation is dedicating their bottle return revenue to the Elyjah Dean Hauff Scholarship Fund and she could connect members with Didi Dahlsrud to get bags if they were interested. She also reported that the Virtual Memorial Day Ceremony will take place at 9:00 am on Monday, May 31 and the City website will have a link to the ceremony.

Mr. Dachtler: Commented that it was an honor to attend the dedication at Tyrone S. Woods Park, noting that it was a long 16-year process, and that City Staff did an outstanding job to get the project back on track and he is truly grateful.

Mr. Haverkamp: Noted that he valued being a part of the Tyrone S Woods dedication. He thanked Mr. Dachtler his for efforts in making it happen, and complimented Mr. Reid on his presentation. Mr. Haverkamp noticed the impact of the park for those who knew Mr. Woods and the community, adding that it is those types of things that they need to keep striving for on PRAC.

No other members provided reports.

STAFF REPORTS

Mr. Reid thanked PRAC members for their support with Tyrone S. Woods Park project, and also the VFW, noting that it was a huge community effort. He gave kudos to Rochelle Anderholm-Parsch, Aquatic and Recreation Manager, and Kristin Brown, Community Communications Director, for putting on the event,

and to Denise Conrad, Assistant Parks and Recreation Director, for leading the difficult construction project, and to Jonathan Waverly, Park Manager, and his team their efforts and many long hours to get the park ready. Mr. Reid provided information on the Monarch Butterfly Pledge program, noting that the National Wildlife Federation would allow an extension for the City to take the pledge and join the program, if certain items are completed by December 1. He stated that if PRAC would like to move forward, they would need to send a letter of recommendation in support to the Mayor for her signoff, and then Mr. Reid would follow up with NWF to let them know the City would like to participate and take the pledge. Ms. Morey commented that she would be happy to work with Commissioner McGriff and other Committee members to make a recommendation to the Mayor to sign on to the commitment. Mr. Reid continued with the announcement that the opening ceremony for D.C. Latourette Park would be on June 5 and that invitations had gone out. He noted that they were working with the Park Core Team on the opening. Mr. Reid wanted to reiterate that opening three parks in the span of one year is remarkable. He reported that the Filbert Run bid would open on June 8 and hoped to break ground in July. He stated that he presented the Park Naming Policy to the City Commission on May 19, which was approved with an edit to include two CIC members as part of the standing committee. Mr. Reid confirmed that he made that revision and they will move forward with the process for the naming of Filbert Run Park.

Ms. Anderholm-Parsch reported that they are preparing for summer activities, including camps and swim lessons. She also mentioned that they will host seven events at the End of the Oregon Trail, including Movies in the Park, Bingo and Trivia on the Lawn, in place of the Concerts in the Park series. She also reported that they would bring Cost Recovery to a Commission Work Session on June 8 and thanked members for their help with that process.

Kathy Wiseman, Senior Center Supervisor, reported that they are also preparing for summer activities, which will look Covid-like. She stated that the Meals on Wheels program will begin offering both hot and frozen meals with the hopes of getting back to the normal program by fall. Mr. Haverkamp asked about volunteer and potential partnership opportunities. Ms. Wiseman replied that they are working through the application process, which takes time due to County background checks, but they are always accepting volunteer applications. She added that they are slowly getting their volunteers back online with some new training on covid-rule to unsure care with their vulnerable clients. Ms. Wiseman congratulated Ms. Tierney and Ms. Anderholm-Parsch for receiving the large grant for camps, noting that it was a big deal and will help both kids and parents.

Mr. Waverly thanked his staff for their hard work and commitment to the huge undertaking with getting the park ready for the opening. He noted that the Tyrone S. Woods dog park is closed until the turf can be fully established and wanted to make folks aware of that. He reported that his staff is working to get D.C. Latourette Park ready for the grand opening and they have also been busy

at the Cemetery, with weed-whacking, mowing and beautification to get ready for the weekend.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Bolinger asked members if they had items for future agendas. Ms. Morey pointed out that some of the items on the list had dates that were well passed and should be updated. Mr. Bolinger replied that Mr. Reid was keeping an ongoing list with dates the items were discussed to provide a reference, but agreed that they could go over it. Mr. Crump suggested they add in the Goals Review item. Ms. Morey requested that they start looking at the naming process for Filbert Run.

Tyrone S. Woods Memorial Park - 12/5/2019

Cost Recovery Training - 2/25/2021

Regional Comparison of Parks – 10/22/2020

Parks and Recreation Funding

Clackamette Park Master Plan

Buena Vista House - 1/23/2020

WES Good Neighbor Funds

Joint Operations Center

Willamette Falls Legacy Project

Property Acquisition

Dog Park - 9/24/2020

Review Goals - 2/25/2021

The Cove

Heritage Tree Stand Nominations – 1/28/2021

Newell Creek Canyon Project – 2/25/2021

Homeless Outreach Efforts by Oregon City Police Department – 2/25/2021

Filbert Run Master Plan – 12/03/2020

McLoughlin Canemah Trail Grant Application – 1/28/2021

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING – June 24, 2021 at 7:00pm

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 9:56 pm by Chair Troy Bolinger