

City of Oregon City
Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee
Work Session Minutes

Virtual Meeting Wednesday, May 12, 2021 at 6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order around 6:00 pm

INTRODUCTIONS

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

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee Interviews

Frank Bocchetti answered member questions, noting that he was an almost retired General Contractor who has used his free time to visit the parks every day for 20 years. He commented that things aren't the way they should be at Clackamette Park, with no leash enforcement, homelessness and unsupervised kids at the skatepark, noting that it could be so much more. Mr. Bocchetti described his work with a baseball association where he used his building experience and contacts to help build a baseball field complex that his own kids used. He stated that involvement in lots of committees, speaking at association gatherings and building advisory committees is the experience that best qualifies him for the PRAC position. He believed his greatest asset for PRAC was that he uses the parks daily, for boating, kayaking, walking the dog; he is there all the time and sees what's going on. Mr. Bocchetti asked about the specifics of PRAC meeting times and what topics are discussed.

Mr. Bolinger answered and then explained the process that the group would deliberate and vote at their next regular meeting and thanked Mr. Bocchetti for his time.

Mr. Bolinger then asked for member deliberations. He noted that Mr. Bocchetti was the only candidate and listed the scenarios, if there was no motion then there will be no recommendation to Mayor Rachel Lyles-Smith, if there is motion, a second and the vote passes, they would recommend Mr. Bocchetti for appointment, and if a motion were made and seconded, but the vote does not pass, no recommendation would be made and they would open up the application process again.

Ms. Morey asked if Mr. Bocchetti lived outside the City and Mr. Reid agreed to verify.

Mr. Dachtler commented that the applicant didn't answer an important question on underserved areas and just went back to his concerns about Clackamette Park, and Mr. Dachtler was disappointed in that.

Ms. Morey pointed out that part of job is to educate public about park needs and what the department can do, adding that Mr. Bocchetti had interesting skills, but they would need to bring him up to speed on things like dealing with the homeless and other issues.

Mr. Cogle added that he joined PRAC with zero clue and felt that he has grown into the role and wanted members to take that into account. Mr. Cogle felt that Mr. Bocchetti had a lot of good ideas and seems interested, adding that once he realizes what the actual role is there will be some positives.

Mr. Crump commented that Mr. Bocchetti comes with a lot passion, but just doesn't know what they do. Mr. Crump also agreed with Mr. Dachtler's concerns about not answering questions.

Mr. Bolinger noted that Mr. Reid had confirmed that Mr. Bocchetti was a non-resident, but he was eligible to be on PRAC. Mr. Bolinger instructed members to think on it and have decision ready as they will vote at the next meeting on May 27.

Mayor Lyles-Smith, who was viewing the Work Session, said that she enjoyed listening in and it helps give her perspective. She thought they had a good discussion about the candidate. She commented that when new people join committees, there is no way they can know everything about what the committee does and the rules. She agreed that the candidate did have a lot of passion. Mayor Lyles-Smith advised members to think about whether they can work with him as it is important that, personality-wise, he was a good fit, so they can all work together toward a common good. She thanked members for letting her listen in, noting that it saves time and lets her know if she needs to speak further with the candidate.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned around 6:30 pm by Chair Troy Bolinger