

City of Oregon City

Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee

Thursday, February 27, 2020

7:00 PM

Commission Chambers

1. Call to Order

Chair Karin Morey called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

2. Introductions

Present: 7- Karin Morey, Doug Neeley, Troy Bolinger, Derick Cogle, Andy Crump
Brent Haverkamp, Shawn Dachtler,

Absent: 2- Jeff Sargent, Alicia Hammock

Staff: 2- Don Robertson, Denise Conrad

3. Citizen Comments on Issues not on the Agenda

There were no citizen comments.

4. Approval of the Minutes

[20-124](#)

Minutes of January 23, 2020

A motion was made by Doug Neeley, seconded by Derick Cogle, to approve the meeting minutes of January 23, 2020. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7- Karin Morey, Doug Neeley, Troy Bolinger, Derick Cogle, Andy Crump, Brent Haverkamp, and Shawn Dachtler

5. General Business

5a. [20-113](#) Heritage Stand Nominations for Park Place Park and Mountain View Cemetery

Pete Walter, Senior Planner, presented the 2019 Heritage Tree nominations. One being a Giant Sequoia stand at Mountain View Cemetery. In Park Place Park, large groupings of Garry Oaks, Douglas Firs and Atlas Cedars. He outlined how trees qualify for the nomination process and benefits of the designation. The next step is presentation to the Natural Resource Committee and City Commission in early March 2020 and finalizing the nominations and Mayor declaration to coincide with Arbor Day in April 2020.

Doug Neeley asked about the benefit if PRAC formally recognizes the nomination process. Mr. Walter responded that PRAC recognition is important because the committee is aware of park maintenance issues and the proximity of the trees to members of the public.

There was discussion about any signage that could be developed to explain importance of the tree species to the public. Jonathan Waverly, Parks Operations Manager, expressed support for the trees currently nominated but also expressed that any trees that could be in a state of decline should not be nominated.

A motion was made by Doug Neeley, seconded by Derick Cogle, to approve the Park Place Heritage Tree nominations that are not in decline. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7- Karin Morey, Doug Neeley, Troy Bolinger, Derick Cogle, Andy Crump
Brent Haverkamp, Shawn Dachtler

A motion was made by Shawn Dachtler, seconded by Andy Crump, to approve the Mountain View Cemetery Heritage Tree nominations that are not in decline. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7- Karin Morey, Doug Neeley, Troy Bolinger, Derick Cogle, Andy Crump
Brian Howard Camp, Shawn Dasler

5b. [20-121](#) Veterans War Memorial Rehab

Jonathan Waverly, Parks Operations Manager, presented on the rehabilitation of the site which will include improving access to the memorial, making it ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) compliant, and fixing current trip hazards and improving the actual memorial. Jonathan discussed having an updated and approved Master Plan for the site is critical to have when seeking grants or outside funding for the improvements.

A motion was made by Andy Crump, seconded by Shawn Dachtler, to approve the Veterans War Memorial Rehab project. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7- Karin Morey, Doug Neeley, Troy Bolinger, Derick Cogle, Andy Crump
Brent Haverkamp, Shawn Dachtler

5c. [20-122](#) Parents of Murdered Children Project

Mr. Waverly presented on the expanded site plan for the enhancement of the memorial at Mt. View Cemetery. The committee discussed the possibility of adding signage for grief-related information/resources and the possibility of adding a specific law enforcement/fire fighter section in the future.

A motion was made by Doug Neeley, seconded by Derick Cogle, to approve the Parents of Murdered Children project. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7- Karin Morey, Doug Neeley, Troy Bolinger, Derick Cogle, Andy Crump
Brent Haverkamp, Shawn Dachtler

5d. [20-123](#) Dog Park Survey Results

Denise Conrad, Assistant Parks & Recreation Director, presented a summary of the Dog Park citizen survey developed by the previous Community Services Director Phil Lewis and the Dog Park Sub-Committee in November of 2018 and conducted in November of 2019. The purpose of the survey was to get a pulse from the community on use and demand for off leash areas for dogs. It is important to note that this survey was not developed nor administrated to create statistically valid results. There has been a pilot of unfenced off-leash dog parks although many of the survey respondents indicated they were not aware they existed. Ms. Conrad indicated this indicates the need for additional citizen outreach. Ms Conrad's recommendation is to formalize the pilot testing of fenced off-leash dog areas in some of the city parks, as many of the respondents indicated a preference for this and possibly re-survey users at a later date.

5e. [20-119](#) PRAC Goals 2019-21

Don Robertson, Interim Community Services Director, and committee member Troy Bolinger updated the committee on the reformatting of the Goals document. The goals have already been approved. Some of the goal items have been completed and are noted. Additional items of committee interest have been listed.

6. Member Reports

Karin Morey announced the next Earth Day event. Doug Neeley announced the Greater Oregon City Watershed Council is putting together a grant proposal for the Newell Creek connection to Abernethy Creek as it is Steelhead spawning habitat.

7. Staff Reports

Mr. Robertson announced the Oregon City Enhancement Day on April 25, 2020 from 9-12pm and on April 14th Travel Oregon will be holding a Willamette River Recreation Studios in the Tumwater Room at the Museum of the Oregon Territory. The position of Parks & Recreation Director will be posted for recruitment soon. Karin Morey asked Mr. Robertson about the signage for Library Park, which has not been completed. The Buena Vista House historic designation has been approved.

8. Future Agenda Items

Update on the Tyrone S. Woods Memorial Park
Update on the Joint Operation Center
Discussion on a joint meeting with the City Commission in the committee April meeting

9. Next Scheduled Meeting- March 26, 2020

10. Adjournment

Chair Karin Morey adjourned the meeting at 8:37 pm.