

CITY OF OREGON CITY
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes
City Hall Commission Chambers
Thursday, January 23rd, 2025 at 6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Steve Williams called meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

INTRODUCTIONS

Members: Joyce Gifford, Ken Worcester, Tim Wuest, Tim Lainhart, Steve Williams, Erin McClellan (remote), Emily Lisborg (remote),

Staff: Tom Kissinger (remote), Deputy Director/Interim Parks and Recreation Director; Brandon Watt, Parks and Cemetery Manager; Kori Buth, Administrative Assistant

MOTION TO AMEND

Steve Williams proposed a motion to amend tonight's agenda to allow for deliberation of previous PRAC candidate interviews. Joyce Gifford moved to complete the discussion regarding the member recommendations. Tim Lainhart seconded the motion. No objections. We will add deliberation to the end of the General Business section.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Damon Mabee (arrived late) wanted to promote the Parks Foundation and the scheduled pollinator garden speaking event with Xerxes Society on Saturday, January 25th, at the Swimming Pool.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Tim Lainhart motioned to approve the meeting minutes from October 17th, 2024. Joyce Gifford seconded.

PRESENTATIONS

Water Environment Services Update

Presented by Alexa Morris and Erin Blue

Budget, deadlines/timeline, projects, agreement cycles, other funding strategies/match possibilities, priorities, and Clackamette Park plans were discussed.

Tim Lainhart asked what the deadline is and Erin confirmed that the 2019 funds have been spent. The 2020-21 funds have been approved to carry forward until June 30, 2026. Extension beyond that is also possible. Funds typically have a three-year timeline and are distributed each July.

Steve asked Tom if these funds were used for the geological study at Clackamette Park. Yes, these funds were used as our match for the Oregon State Marine Board match.

These funds' original source are WES Rightpayer Funds from throughout the regional service area.

Joyce asked if other components of the Master Plan have been triaged and if we have a timeline of the project. Tom mentioned that we have been working through that with the CIP and we need to prioritize the order of phases. Tom believes we should start with the boat ramp since that funding is most readily available. The next step that makes the most sense is moving the RV Park and then most to the park amenities.

Steve asked if there is an update to the I-205 project and bridge completion. Tom is hopeful that we can work with ODOT to attend a PRAC meeting in the coming months to provide an update. The last Tom heard was that the project was extended through 2027.

Emily Lisborg asked if there are grants on Parks radar that we could also use these funds as a match for. There are three grants that we plan on applying for – Local Government Grant, Land & Water Conservation Grant, and Metro Nature and Neighborhoods Capital Grant. Oregon State Marine Board grant is also targeted for the boat ramp project.

Cemetery Fees Update

Presented by Tom Kissinger

Prices haven't increased in 20 years.

Provided different subsidized options for Cemetery Fee changes. Tom will send a spreadsheet for review between now and next meeting.

Maintenance of the scattering canyon area was discussed, as well as comparables with local cemeteries, service process, payment options, legalities and ballot measures, fee increase impact, and the possibility of a perpetual endowment fund

GENERAL BUSINESS

Holiday Programming and Events Update

Cecily Rose provided an update on services/meals/resources/and gifts that were distributed to patrons of the Pioneer Community Center, thanks to the generosity of donors, staff, volunteers, and community members.

Movies in the Park Preparations

Melissa Sebastian provided a list of potential movies that will be selected for this summer's Movies in the Park series, so that PRAC could eliminate any option that didn't believe would be desired by the community. Out of My Mind, Inside Out 2, Despicable Me 4, Mufasa, IF, The Wild Robot, Moana 2, Holes, and Field of Dreams make up the initial list. We discussed the idea of a night geared more

towards a teen audience by showing a PG-13 rated movie, as well as the possibility of rotating the location of our movie showings, to capture additional neighborhoods and become more accessible to other residents. Considering other ways to expand the series, including having the community members send in their ideas, or hosting 'Dive-In' movies. We will table the topic until February and bring back a final list to that meeting.

SDC Methodology Update

We have been working with City Commission on this methodology and received feedback from Commissioners. We will be returning to a Commission Work Session on February 11th to discuss the results of those changes. One of the largest updates is the inclusion of the End of the Oregon Trail site to the CIP project list, as well as updates to Pool percentages. One of the Commission requests is that we scale SDC's appropriately, the same way we approach water. We base that on WES's scale, which considers square footage of single-family homes. Once we have Commissions go ahead, we will bring back to PRAC for recommendation to approve.

Budget Preparation Details

We begin a new biennium on July 1st and our preparations have kicked off so that we are proactive and intentional in our planning. The management team had a goal-setting retreat in December where we discussed priorities and projects. A focus this biennium is to increase accessibility, inclusion, and programming, while also staying mindful of existing assets and deferred maintenance. A huge thank you to staff and division managers! Much of the community feedback and work that went into the Parks Master Plan was kept in mind when analyzing projects and services.

PRAC Interviews Deliberation

Item added to agenda via motion to amend. Steve Williams provided an overview of the process thus far. There are currently four open seats, but we are not obligated to fill them all. Ken Worcester, Linda Taylor, Melissa Deyoe, and Rachel Rawson were the four individuals that were interviewed in December 2024. PRAC members each shared personal opinion, and it was agreed among the group that they move forward with recommending Ken Worcester and Melissa Deyoe be appointed to PRAC. Kori will send along the recommendation to the City Records Office and Mayor.

MEMBER REPORTS

Ken Worcester shared that he appreciated the Pollinator Garden planting party and likes that he can look out and see it from the indoor playground at the pool, which he attends often and enjoys with grandkids. Ken also shared his presentation to City Commission and how he wishes that he would have provided

something in writing to them. Ken also shared he won't be in attendance for the February meeting.

Emily Lisborg asked Tom if a parks crew member would be available to attend the Xerxes presentation with the Parks Foundation on Saturday. Tom isn't able to attend so Emily mentioned that she would try to go.

Erin McClellan wanted to give kudos to Tom for the information and effort he puts into supplying information and making these meetings productive. She appreciates his leadership. Also wanted to thank Steve for his service to PRAC, as his term comes to a close.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING – February 27th, 2025

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting ended about 8:10 p.m.