

GRANTS PASS PARKS ADVISORY BOARD
Meeting Minutes – August 11, 2016 at 3:30 PM
Courtyard Conference Room

Members in Attendance:

Dick Matti (Chair)
Cliff Kuhlman (Vice Chair)
Jan Battersby – arrived late
Gary Still
Marian Szewc - absent
Robert Cartmell
Rick Chapman
Bill Reinert

City/Staff/Council Liaisons:

Valerie Lovelace (City Council) – arrived late
Lora Glover (PCD Director)
Jeff Nelson (Parks Superintendent)

Guests:

Julie Imhof

I. Business – Continuing:

A. Approval of Minutes: June 9, 2016 meeting

MOTION/VOTE

Board Member Cartmell moved and Board Member Kuhlman seconded to approve the minutes as presented from the June 9, 2016 meeting. The vote resulted as follows:

“AYES”: Board Members Matti, Kuhlman, Still, Cartmell, Reinert, and Chapman.

“NAYS”: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Board members Battersby and Szewc.

The motion passed.

II. Business – New:

A. Renaming Venues – Discussion

1. Lora brought up to the committee that they may want to consider the idea of changing some of the venue names at the various parks. Some of the companies that they were named for either no longer exist or are no longer operating in the area.
2. The committee had a discussion on what would be appropriate to do. Lora stated that she didn't want to change names after people passed away but to consider changing names for business that are no longer in the valley.
3. The committee discussed the possibility of “selling” the slots to the new/replacement business. Possibly for the cost of the plaque in addition to a donation to the Parks Department.
4. It was mentioned that the money should go towards funding additional staff.
5. Lora stated that in the next month they will begin talk about goals for strategic planning in January. Additional staffing would be a possible request.

A motion to request a list of venues and a general rule list for how to structure the name change process was started but was not seconded or voted on.

B. Soccer Complex – Discussion

1. It was determined that the Soccer complex will not be able to happen at Allen Creek
2. The school district however brought up the option of looking at Gilbert Creek and North Middle School and Highland.
3. Jeff drew up a quick draft of where the fields could go if this option is explored.

4. The committee discussed the feasibility of this location. The dog park would possibly need to be moved, the current baseball field may be available convert, and the drainage in the area would need to be addressed.
5. The current drawings are very preliminary but there could be a possibility of five fields.
6. The committee is nervous about placing the on school property and the logistics of availability during school hours. They would prefer dedicated park land.
7. An IGA would need to be put in place before any plans could be made. In the IGA a schedule could be put in place to help alleviate some of the committee's concerns.

MOTION/VOTE

Board Member Chapman moved and Board Member Still seconded to authorize staff to check into the Gilbert Creek property for a future soccer complex. The vote resulted as follows: "AYES": Board Members Matti, Kuhlman, Still, Cartmell, Reinert, Battersby, and Chapman. "NAYS": None. Abstain: None. Absent: Board member Szewc.

The motion passed.

C. Riverside Master Plan

1. The Rotary plans to meet on September 14th to talk about projects for Riverside Park. Rob, Colene, and the City will be there to present. If the committee has any input please speak up.
2. Lora brought a concept plan to the committee to review before she takes it to Council. The plan outlines splitting the project into three portions and concerns with the flood way and the sewer line.
3. The committee had a discussion of the feasibility of a temporary structure vs. a permanent structure for the Active Club.
4. The committee discussed the Active Club's desires. They have a possibility of being directly involved if they were to win the RFP for the project. They would however need a licensed general contractor as part of their team. Engineering would oversee the project and it would need to meet all of the inspections like any other contractor.
5. The committee asked Lora how the \$500,000 would be used; she let the committee know that it would be a Council decision.
6. Lora's biggest concern is flood way.
7. The committee asked if they should make a motion. Lora would prefer if they had an opportunity to review the plan. This will go to Council in a few weeks and the committee will email Lora.

D. Other Business

1. Lora let the committee know that Stephen Covey is coming to present on Sept 16th from 6-9pm at the performing arts center. She purchased tickets and if any committee members would like to attend please let her know.
2. The committee asked how the work at the All Sports Park is going. They were told that it is moving along but it will likely be a 6 month project.
3. The pump and valve has been ordered for fresh water.
4. Recreation NW had one "movies in the park" night already. Another will be held tomorrow at Reinhart and last will be at Riverside. They took a drone photo of the first night and there were approximately 300 people in attendance.

5. A pump track was brought in for a demonstration and there was a significant amount of interest. The City is looking at possibly putting one in at Hillcrest. The cost would be approximately \$60,000-\$70,000.
6. Board member Matti will be out for the next two months for soccer.

III. Next meeting: September 8, 2016

These minutes were prepared by Carlie Appling, Administration Department, City of Grants Pass.