

GRANTS PASS PARKS ADVISORY BOARD
Meeting Minutes – September 8, 2016 at 3:30 PM
Courtyard Conference Room

Members in Attendance:

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

City/Staff/Council Liaisons:

Valerie Lovelace (City Council) – absent
Lora Glover (PCD Director) - absent
Jeff Nelson (Parks Superintendent)

Guests:

Madeline Shannon (Daily Courier)

I. Business – Continuing:

Chair Matti was unable to attend; Vice Chair Kuhlman opened the meeting.

A. Approval of Minutes: August 11, 2016 meeting

MOTION/VOTE

Board Member Cartmell moved and Board Member Still seconded to approve the minutes as presented from the August 11, 2016 meeting. The vote resulted as follows: “AYES”: Board Members Kuhlman, Still, Szewc, Cartmell, Reinert, and Chapman. “NAYS”: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Board members Battersby and Matti.

The motion passed.

II. Business – New:

A. Goal Discussion

1. Jeff explaining to the committee that they will need to discuss their goals and present their top ten or so at the committee level by November.
2. From there they will go to Lora to put into a presentation to present to Council.

B. Renaming Venues – Discussion

1. The Committee discussed their desire to continue discussions on the renaming of venues.

MOTION/VOTE

Board Member Still moved and Board Member Cartmell seconded to continue the discussion to rename venues for the next two meetings. The vote resulted as follows: “AYES”: Board Members Kuhlman, Still, Szewc, Cartmell, Reinert, Battersby, and Chapman. “NAYS”: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Board member Matti.

C. Soccer Complex – Discussion

1. The committee had a discussion about the land that was set aside for a park off of Lower River Road. The land cannot be used for the original intention. The committee would like to consider selling the land to allow for the opportunity for land that can be used to be purchased.

2. Jeff let the committee know that if they feel strongly about selling the property they should make it one of their goals.
3. The committee discussed the potential plan to rework the existing land at Gilbert Creek Park to put in a soccer complex.
4. Jeff let the committee know that the council will now be reviewing any motions made during the committee meetings

D. Riverside Master Plan

1. Jeff let the committee know that Lora had talked to local consultant about putting together a plan for the active club platform, concert in the park stage, and the community center. The contractor said that they can do a concept plan; Lora is just waiting on the green light from Council to request a price from the contractor.

E. Other Items

MOTION/VOTE

Board Member Still moved and Board Member Battersby seconded the motion to list the items currently listed under new business to business continuing in the future. 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.

1. The committee discussed the need for additional park staff with Jeff. Jeff mentioned that they do have some contracted staff and will ideally need two more City staff members. The committee requested that Jeff draft up a pros and cons list of contracted employees vs PERS employees so that they can make an educated recommendation to Council.
2. Jeff asked the committee if they would be interested in building a park on a piece of land that the land owner would be willing to donate. The committee discussed the pros and cons of putting a park in that location.

MOTION/VOTE

Board Member Still moved and Board Member Chapman seconded the motion to not consider this piece of land for a new park. 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.

3. Jeff gave a presentation with pictures on projects the Parks department has accomplished over the summer.

III. Next meeting: October 13, 2016

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