

GRANTS PASS PARKS ADVISORY BOARD
Meeting Minutes – October 13, 2016 at 3:30 PM
Courtyard Conference Room

Members in Attendance:

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

City/Staff/Council Liaisons:

Valerie Lovelace (City Council) – absent
Lora Glover (PCD Director) – left early
Jeff Nelson (Parks Superintendent)
Scott Lindberg (Grant Specialist) – arrived late

Guests:

I. Business – Continuing:

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

A. Approval of Minutes: September 8, 2016 meeting

MOTION/VOTE

Board Member Cartmell moved and Board Member Battersby seconded to approve the minutes as presented from the September 8, 2016 meeting. The vote resulted as follows: “AYES”: Board Members Kuhlman, Battersby, Still, Cartmell, and Chapman. “NAYS”: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Board members Matti, Szewc, and Reinert. The motion passed.

B. Goal Discussion

- Lora let the committee know that the goals need to be turned in by the end of November. She suggested that the committee discuss what they would like to have as goals and she would get them on the agenda for next meeting for further discussion.
- The committee discussed the desire to sell the River Rogue Reserve and discussed the pros and cons of putting it on the market.
- The committee would like the Soccer complex to still be a main goal along with Riverside Park and the Spray Park.
- The committee discussed the need for an additional park or contract employee. Jeff let the committee know that in 1994 there were 80 acres of park land and six employees, currently we had 195 acres and seven employees. The figures do not include contract workers; Jeff is working on contract employee figures.
- The committee had a discussion with Jeff on if another park employee or more contract workers would be best. Jeff believes we need another permanent employee.

C. Renaming Venues – discussion

- The committee decided to shelf this item for the time being.

D. Soccer Complex – discussion

- Lora let the committee know that she had a meeting with Travis Boersma. He is very interested in putting a soccer field at the fairgrounds and will be working with the fairgrounds and the County. She has also received suggestions of putting soccer fields at Reinhart, Parkside Elementary, and Gilbert Creek Park.
- She is concerned with parking at Parkside and thinks Gilbert Creek has better access for parking.
- The committee discussed the different options with Lora.

E. Riverside Master Plan – discussion

- Lora let the committee know that she has a meeting scheduled with Justin to go over the plans for Riverside next week.
- The committee asked Scott if we have gone for any grants for Riverside yet. Scott let the committee know that he won't be able to submit for any grants until there are project specifics.
- The committee had a discussion concerning the potential for flooding in the proposed Izaak Walton building area.
- The committee discussed the bandstand for Active Club and the grant money secured by the Active Club and what would be fair as to how it is used.
- The committee had a discussion on priorities and determined that as far as the Riverside Park projects go the Active Club would be first, followed by the Izaak Walton Building, and then the Spray Park.
- The committee discussed some of the possible grants available.

MOTION/VOTE

Board Member Still moved and Board Member Battersby seconded the motion that the following goals were discussed and accepted as goals that the parks board wants to carry forth to the city council, with the ability to add more goals at the next meeting in November, and these goals include;

- 1. Selling the River Rogue Reserve property.**
- 2. Locate property and begin the process to develop the soccer complex since it was the Committees top priority last year.**
- 3. Develop the three projects within Riverside Park – in this order.**
 - a. Active Club Shelter**
 - b. Community Center (including a concert type area for Concerts in the Park).**
 - c. Water Spray Area**
- 4. Funding to add an additional Park Maintenance Worker.**

The vote resulted as follows: “AYES”: Board Members Kuhlman, Battersby, Still, Cartmell, Szewc, and Chapman. “NAYS”: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Board members Matti and Reinert.

The motion passed.

II. Business – New:

A. Serial Meetings

- This item was not discussed.

III. Next meeting: November 10, 2016

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