

**PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**Meeting Minutes – January 9, 2020 at 3:30 PM**  
**Court Yard Conference Room**

**Members in Attendance:**

Dick Matti (Chair)  
Cliff Kuhlman (Vice Chair)  
Jan Battersby  
Brian DeLaGrange  
Rick Chapman  
Mark Collier  
Susan Jenkins

**City/Staff/Council Liaisons:**

Tyler Flaming (City Councilor)  
Lora Glover (PCD Director)  
Wendy Giordano (Parks Superintendent)  
Ken Garrison (Parks)  
Keith Driskell (Parks)  
Tony Mecum (Urban Forester)

**Guests:**

Rick Repine - Citizen

**1. Roll Call:**

- Chair Matti called the meeting to order at 3:30 pm and roll was taken.

**2. Introductions:**

- Parks Superintendent Wendy Giordano introduced Tony Mecum who is the new Urban Forester for Parks and Community Development. Tony has his degree in Forestry. He was raised in Grants Pass and later resided in Portland, Connecticut and New York. When he saw there was a position available here in his home-town he applied and was able to move home.

**3. Public Comment:**

**4. Approval of Minutes**

- Approval of minutes from November 14, 2019.

**MOTION/VOTE**

Member **?????** moved and Member **??????** seconded the motion to approve the minutes from November 14, 2019 as presented. The vote resulted as follows: “AYES”: Chair Matti, Vice Chair Kuhlman, Members Battersby, DeLaGrange, Collier, Chapman and Jenkins. “NAYS”: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None.

The motion passed.

**5. Action Items:**

- a. Susan Jenkins was nominated for the position of Committee Chair.

**MOTION/VOTE**

Member **?????** moved and Member **?????** seconded the motion to elect Susan Jenkins for the Chair position. The vote resulted as follows: “AYES”: Chair Matti, Vice-Chair Kuhlman. Members Battersby, DeLaGrange, Collier and Chapman. “NAYS”: None.

Abstain: None. Absent: None.

The motion passed.

- Brian DeLaGrange was nominated for the position of Committee Vice Chair.

#### **MOTION/VOTE**

**Member ????? moved and Member ????? seconded the motion to elect Brian DeLaGrange for the Vice Chair position. The vote resulted as follows: “AYES”: Chair Matti, Collier, and Jenkins. “NAYS”: None. Absent: None.  
The Motion passed.**

b. Superintendent Giordano updated the committee on the Beacon Hill Park Concept with a Power Point presentation. Wendy shared that 325 surveys went for the Beacon Hill Park Concept and they received 102 responses which is really good. She went over the surveys and the proposal plans for the park. Phase 1 will be the paved walking path. Public outreach, Council and budget will determine priority of the other phases. There is no cost estimate at this time as it is just a concept. The following questions were presented by both committee members and the public:

- Mark Collier- asked about the small dog area compared to the large dog area at Beacon Park, he thinks the small dog area should be larger than the concept plan shows.
- Mark Collier- asked about the hard surface vs soft surface trails on the Beacon Park concept, he is concerned about the soft trails being hard for folks in wheelchairs and parents pushing strollers having a hard time.
- Susan Jenkins- asked about benches on the Beacon Park concept, she wants plenty of benches.
- Rick Chapman- asked about the parking lot on the Beacon Park concept, he doesn't think that nine parking spots will be enough.
- Brian DeLaGrange- asked if the GPID ditch that runs through Beacon Park will be covered.
- Jan Battersby- asked if the grass areas on the Beacon Park concept will be grass or natural field grass areas and if it will be irrigated and mowed.
- Mark Collier- asked if we had a price for the pump track on the Beacon Park concept plan.
- Brian DeLaGrange- commented that the pump track seems out of place for a park like this with the natural playground on the Beacon Park concept.
- Jan Battersby- asked if the folks living in the NE area around Beacon Park supported the pump track.
- Rick no last name given (Repine)- asked why would the City of GP build Beacon Park when we can't maintain what we currently have in the parks department?
- Rick no last name given (Repine)- has concern that the City of GP is building Beacon park with Beacon Rd being in such poor shape.
- Rick Chapman- asked if all the properties bordering the Beacon Park property have fences up already or is the City of GP going to have to have them installed.
- Rick Chapman- asked if a parking lot can be added off of Beacon Dr on the Beacon Park property.
- Jan Battersby- asked if most of the folks that live in the area of Beacon Park are for a park being built on that land.

- Jan Battersby- commented that most folks don't want to look at a large parking lot referring to the parking lot size on the Beacon Park concept.
- c. Superintendent Giordano shared that the Parks Department was awarded a National Parks Service Technical Assistance Grant to help develop a master plan for Dollar Mountain. There will be a public meeting soon to discuss this further. She stated that we will need a liaison for this project and asked if anyone would volunteer. Brian DeLaGrange volunteered to be the liaison.

**6. Matters from Committee Members and Staff:**

**7. Future Agenda Building for Next Meeting:**

- Caveman Pool evaluation
- State of playground equipment at parks. Potential for improved play structures.

**8. Adjournment**

- Susan Jenkins adjourned the meeting at 4:43 p.m.

**Next scheduled meeting: February 13, 2020**

Minute notes provided by City Staff and minutes prepared by Jayme Hyatt PCD Office Assistant.