

PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes – February 10, 2022 at 3:30 PM
Council Chambers

Members in Attendance:

Vacant (Chair)
Cliff Kuhlman (Vice Chair)
Jan Battersby
John Blackett
Chad Thorson
Michael Sellers
Brad Converse - Absent

City/Staff/Council Liaisons:

Curt Collins (City Councilor)
Brad Clark – CD Director

Guests:

Greg Fishwick
Rob Brandes

1. **Roll Call:**
 - o Vice Chair Kuhlman called the meeting to order at 3:24 pm and roll was taken.
2. **Introductions:**
3. **Approval of Minutes:** January 13, 2022

MOTION/VOTE

Member Battersby moved, and Member Thorson seconded the motion to approve the minutes as amended from January 13, 2022. The vote resulted as follows: “AYES”: Vice Chair Kuhlman. Members Battersby, Blackett, Sellers, and Thorson. “NAYS”: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Brad Converse. The motion passed.

4. **Public Comment:**
 - a. No Public Comment.
5. **Action Items:**
 - a. **Possible Grant for RVP Senior Softball ~ Greg Fishwick:**
 1. Mr. Fishwick spoke regarding American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Grants which can be used for the softball fields at Reinhart Volunteer Park. The grant covers services such as fences, sod, score boards etc... Josephine County included this project in their list for CARES Act funding but with a hold so the City can comment. They have done studies for economical impact for adult softball. It can bring in as much as \$166 per day per person. It brings people to the community.
 2. They are asking the Committee to recommend requesting \$97,500. It can generate \$230,000 a year for 12 tournaments or \$600,000 a year for 18 tournaments.
 3. Rob Brandes from Josephine County Public Works explained the County’s participation in the Grant Program.
 4. Vice Chair Kuhlman asked the Committee what action they want to take. Jan stated that all the work needs to be done simultaneously. Mr. Fishwick agreed stating that it is more cost effective to do it all at once. Work needs to start in the fall. They have a lot of volunteers for labor. Michael Sellers said he is supportive the people and the project but that he could not vote in favor as there was no discourse about this project and he was concerned that the committee could become a rubber stamp.

MOTION/VOTE

Member Thorson moved, and Member Blackett seconded the motion to include RVP in the list of city projects that are funded with American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. The vote resulted as follows: “AYES”: Vice Chair Kuhlman. Members Battersby, Blackett, and Thorson. “NAYS”: Michael Sellers. Abstain: None. Absent: Brad Converse. The motion passed.

b. Election of Chair and Vice Chair:

MOTION/VOTE

Member Battersby moved, and Member Blackett seconded the motion to nominate Chad Thorson as Chair. The vote resulted as follows: “AYES”: Vice Chair Kuhlman. Members Battersby, Blackett, and Sellers. “NAYS”: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Brad Converse. The motion passed.

MOTION/VOTE

Member Thorson moved, and Member Battersby seconded the motion to nominate Michael Sellers as Vice Chair. The vote resulted as follows: “AYES”: Vice Chair Kuhlman. Members Battersby, Thorson and Blackett. “NAYS”: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Brad Converse. The motion passed.

c. Review Committee Applications:

1. The Committee discussed the applications to fill vacant seats on the committee. Vice Chair Kuhlman stated that he is not renewing his membership in June, so he is not going to make a recommendation.

MOTION/VOTE

Member Sellers moved, and Member Battersby seconded the motion to recommend Shane Hickman to Council for consideration of membership on the Parks Advisory Committee. The vote resulted as follows: “AYES”: Vice Chair Kuhlman. Members Battersby, Blackett, Sellers, and Thorson. “NAYS”: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Brad Converse. The motion passed.

d. Report on Council Strategic Plan Workshop Results:

1. Brad Clark discussed the Workshop results. A Kayak White Water Park was put on the table to discuss. He went over that there is a lot of support from City Council for Parks. Appropriate resources were discussed to keep parks clean and safe. He discussed the Pump Track location. Council is open for other locations as well. Brad also discussed the Dollar Mountain incline feature.
2. New Council Liaison Curt Collins introduced himself and talked to the Committee about his accomplishments. He is pushing for a White-Water

Kayak Park on the Rogue River. He discussed how it consists of a number of moveable placements in the river to create white water.

6. Future Agenda Building for Next Meeting:

- a. Dollar Mountain Update
- b. Presentation on Committee Procedures – Aaron Cubic
- c. Basic Project Updates

7. Adjournment: Member Thorson adjourned the meeting at 4:20p.m.

Next scheduled meeting: March 10, 2022

Minutes prepared by Jayme Hyatt, Community Development Department.