

PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes – May 12, 2022, at 3:30 PM
Council Chambers

Member Attendance:

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

City/Staff/Council Liaisons:

Curt Collins- City Councilor
Brad Clark – CD Director
Chad Westbrook

Guests:

Mark Collier
Brian DeLaGrange

1. Roll Call:

- o Chair Thorson called the meeting to order at 3:32 pm and roll was taken.

2. Introductions:

3. Approval of Minutes: March 10, 2022

MOTION/VOTE

Member Hickman moved, and Member Battersby seconded the motion to approve the minutes from March 10, 2022. The vote resulted as follows: “AYES”: Chair Thorson, Vice Chair Sellers. Members Battersby, Hickman, and Kuhlman “NAYS”: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Members Blackett and Converse. The motion passed.

4. Public Comment:

- a. Mark Collier spoke about the resurfaced and painted tennis and pickle ball courts at Reinhart Volunteer Park. He said that it is beautiful and looks amazing but is already starting to crack and that is concerning. He also noted that the basketball backboards at Lawnridge are broken and need to be replaced.
- b. Brian DeLaGrange stated that staff is working on the backboards. They had extra backboards from Reinhart Volunteer Park, (RVP) that they can utilize at Lawnridge. He said the cracks on the new courts at RVP are concerning. He wanted to thank Chad Thorson for all his hard work at Loveless Park. He said the opening turn-out was great.

5. Action Items:

a. Basic Project Updates:

- 1. **Lawnridge Park:** Brad Clark shared the engineered plans. The irrigation plan clean-up work is complete. The project is out for bid in two weeks. The pre bid meeting is in 3 to 4 weeks. Construction is to begin in August.

Chad Westbrook advised the Committee that the backboards will be replaced with used ones from RVP.

- 2. **Baker Park:** Brad Clark stated that the Oregon Marine Board Grant is \$100,000 to redo the parking lot. Notice to proceed is July 7, 2022. It should be completed in August or September. The parking lot will be closed for

about 2 ½ weeks. This project just covers the parking lot and does not include the boat ramp.

Member Battersby commented about future plans for the restrooms. She was told that eventually they will be moved up near the old fire station so they are more visible and easier to keep an eye on them.

3. **Skate Park:** Park upgrade plans went out for bid several months ago. It went to Council for an update and Council had questions about the surfacing. Based on Thornton Engineering's plans, what is the surface going to look like? Public Works has gotten two comments back from engineers/contractors and are waiting for a third. Wade Elliot is putting together feedback from engineers. Council needs a more complete update before proceeding.

Jan Battersby: Will pre bids come in on time for the City budget? Brad Clark stated no because the Budget Committee has already met.

4. **Crescent Drive/Dollar Mountain:** The Resolution awarding a contract is going to Council to approve next week. All bids went out. There were four bidders. Council Meeting on Wednesday will likely award Robco the contract. Notice to proceed is June 9th. It should take 45 days to complete the project.

5. **Westholm:** It is on the Agenda for Wednesday's Council to approve the drainage project. The award for doing the playground drainage went out to bid 2 weeks ago. There were five bids. Staff recommended to Council to hire Pair-A- Dice Contracting.

Chad Westbrook: Pricing for rubber tiles vs. fiber chips varies greatly. Rubber tiles are more costly at the start but will save money in the long run.

Brad Clark: If the Committee wants to make a recommendation, Council will decide on the Westholm playground contract on June 1, 2022.

MOTION/VOTE

Vice Chair Sellers moved, and Member Kuhlman seconded the motion to recommend to City Council to use rubber tile and not ADA wood chips for the new Westholm Park playground area ground cover due to safety, ease of maintenance, durability, and aesthetics. The vote resulted as follows: "AYES": Chair Thorson. Vice Chair Sellers. Members Hickman, Kuhlman and Battersby. "NAYS": None. Abstain: None. Absent: Member Blackett and Member Converse. The motion passed.

6. **Caveman Pool:** Chad has been getting the pool ready for the summer season. Pool covers are ordered. They are 7 weeks out. They will pressure wash the pool but are concerned with the strength of the concrete. The Parks Dept. did some "in house" clean up. They replaced some ladders. The painting contractor backed out due to lack of supplies.

There is a reconstruction option. Council needs to get a defined project scope. Designer firm will look at the land and produce a proposal for the new pool.

The new Parks Superintendent, Josh Hopkins, starts May 23rd. He has experience with public pools.

7. **Loveless Park:** Chad Thorson discussed the grand opening of the park last Thursday. With the abundance of rain and bike use there was some damage and ruts. The contractor will come back and re-compact the track and will use a spray to upkeep the surface. They will do touch-ups once a year. Some drainage issues will be dealt with during the touch up.

Chad Westbrook is waiting to hear back from the artist doing the signs.

b. Review of Parks Master Plan Amendments:

1. Brad Clark discussed the February motion. He will add the Table of Courts to the Motion. They will take off River Road Reserve. He will provide red line versions of edits in June for the Committee to review.

c. Presentation on Committee Procedures ~ Aaron Cubic:

1. Continued to next meeting.

6. Matters from Committee Members and Staff:

- a. Jan feels like we are progressing a great deal. She wants Council to keep moving forward with Dollar Mountain. Councilor DeLaGrange says Council is still working on that. It is just a slow process.
- b. Jan thanked Cliff Kuhlman for what he has done for Parks throughout the years. Cliff spoke of his volunteer time and stated that he will miss this Committee.
- c. Chad Thorson provided the Committee with copies of the Grants Pass Work Plan to look over.

7. Future Agenda Building for Next Meeting:

- a. Introduction of new Parks Superintendent
- b. Review of PAC candidates
- c. Project Updates
- d. Presentation on Committee Procedures – Aaron Cubic

8. Adjournment: Chair Thorson adjourned the meeting at 4:46 p.m.

Next scheduled meeting: June 9, 2022

Minutes prepared by Jayme Hyatt, Community Development Department.