

PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes – June 9, 2022, at 3:30 PM
Council Chambers

Member Attendance:

Chad Thorson (Chair)
Michael Sellers (Vice Chair)
Jan Battersby
John Blackett
Vacant
Shane Hickman
Brad Converse

City/Staff/Council Liaisons:

Curt Collins- City Councilor
Brad Clark – CD Director
Chad Westbrook- Parks Supervisor
Josh Hopkins – Parks Superintendent

Guests:

Brian DeLaGrange
David Dapper
Tori Middelstadt

1. **Roll Call:**
 - o Chair Thorson called the meeting to order at 3:31 pm and roll was taken.
2. **Introductions:**
 - o **None**
3. **Approval of Minutes:** May 12, 2022

MOTION/VOTE

Member Battersby moved, and Member Converse seconded the motion to approve the minutes from May 12, 2022. The vote resulted as follows: “AYES”: Chair Thorson, Vice Chair Sellers, Members Battersby, Blackett, Converse, and Hickman. “NAYS”: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None. The motion passed.

4. **Public Comment:**
 - o David Dapper who lives next to Tussing Park spoke about the problems with the homeless population that is hanging out there causing problems. He would really like the City to take this into consideration and install a gate. He was also hoping that the park can be cleared out at night. He is concerned for his and his family's safety.
 - o Tori Middelstadt introduced herself as the new Travel Grants Pass Executive Director. She stated that she is shadowing committee meetings to familiarize herself with them.
5. **Action Items:**
 - a. **Introduction of new Parks Superintendent:** Brad Clark introduced Josh Hopkins, the new Parks Superintendent. Josh then spoke and shared his experience and knowledge. He moved from the city of Corvallis where he was the Parks Supervisor. He headed the Trail Section, the Volunteer Section, their Facility Maintenance Section, Landscape Section, and the overall Sanitation. He was also the Parks Director for Curry County. This position involved Campgrounds and Trails.
 - b. **Review of PAC candidates:** The Committee went over the applicants and discussed what they liked about each one. They felt all of the applicants had a lot to offer the Committee. It was brought up that there rarely are women on the Committee, and it was discussed to add diversity to the Parks Advisory Committee. They voted to reinstate Jan Battersby due to her 12 plus years of experience on the Committee and knowledge of our parks system. The Committee voted to recommend Rebekah Nugent due to her added value as a long-time parks user and parent and to add diversity to the Parks Advisory Board.

MOTION/VOTE

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

MOTION/VOTE

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

- c. **Review of Parks Master Plan Revisions:** Continued to next meeting.
 - d. **Presentation on Committee Procedures ~ Aaron Cubic:** Continued to next meeting.
6. **Matters from Committee Members and Staff: Project updates:**
- o **Loveless Park:** Chad Thorson discussed the Loveless Park (B St. Jumps) updates. They had the Grand Opening. It is still going to get a once over the last week of June. Ten yards of decomposed granite will be delivered in two weeks. Some low spots are going to get filled where water stood when it rained. A few of the ruts are going to get covered. They are going to raise the log drops because they sunk, and they are all the same height. It was asked if there would be restrooms going in at that park. At this time, the answer is no. It is a small park, and it would not be feasible to put a restroom there. In July, an 18-foot ramp will be installed.
 - o **Caveman Pool:** The pool will open on June 20, 2022. The on-track pool covers will be late but will not hold up the pool opening. Brad and Josh met with GP School District to discuss the parking lot. They are doing the homework and need a proposed lay out to have something to work with. Code requires 42 parking spaces and as of now there are only 15. Member Converse asked if a survey would be needed to get pool user input. Council will decide on Monday where the Urban Renewal money will go.
 - o **Westholm Park:** City Council approved the purchase of new playground equipment. They approved some tiles with the blown in chips as well. A contract was awarded for drainage.
 - o **Dollar Mountain:** There will be a pre-con meeting for the parking lot in two weeks.
7. **Future Agenda Building for Next Meeting:**
- o Discuss Tussing Park Injunction Options.
 - o Presentation on Committee Procedures – Aaron Cubic
 - o Project Updates
8. **Adjournment:** Chair Thorson adjourned the meeting at 4:40 p.m.

Next scheduled meeting: July 14, 2022

Minutes prepared by Jayme Hyatt, Community Development Department.