

PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes – September 10, 2020 at 3:30 PM
Council Chambers

Members in Attendance:

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

City/Staff/Council Liaisons:

Tyler Flaming (City Councilor) - Absent
Brad Clark (Interim CD Director)
Jayme Hyatt (Office Assistant)

Guests:

City Councilor Valorie Lovelace
Jay Reese
Laura Payne
Greg Carratt
Jason Elzy
Mike Reese
Jack Davis

1. Roll Call:

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

2. Introductions: City Councilor Valorie Lovelace; Jay Reese with American Legion, GP Nuggets Baseball; Laura Payne, Greg Carratt, Jason Elzy, Nuggets Baseball; Mike Reese, American Legion, GP Nuggets Baseball: and Jack Davis.

3. Public Comment:

- o Jason Elzy, American Legion, President of GP Nuggets: He wanted to introduce himself and say that they appreciate our partnership. They have been informed by a number of sources that there is another user group that is interested in using the same field. They would like to continue the partnership. He anticipates remaining flexible during Covid. He stated that RVP is instrumental to their program.
- o Mike Reese, American Legion: He has been a member for 35 years. He is currently a varsity coach and has been to State Championships. He stated that RVP is an American Legion facility. They have been in partnership with the City for 27 years. The Legion was intimately involved and attended many meetings regarding the construction of RVP as well as putting in volunteer time to the construction of the park. They also volunteered time to the construction. They believe they have a verbal contract with the City and are living up to their end of the agreement and would like the City to do the same.
- o Jay Reese, New Founder of G.P. River Dawgs: It is collegiate baseball for 17 to 22-year olds. He wants to get on an Agenda for a new contract, separate from the contract with Recreation Northwest. There are opportunities for other groups to use the facility and help with maintenance.

4. Approval of Minutes:

MOTION/VOTE

Member Collier moved and Member Chapman seconded the motion to approve the minutes from June 25, 2020 as presented. The vote resulted as follows: “AYES”:
Chair Jenkins, Vice Chair DeLaGrange, Members Kuhlman, Collier, Chapman, Battersby and Thorson. “NAYS”: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None.
The motion passed.

MOTION/VOTE

Member Chapman moved and Member Kuhlman seconded the motion to approve the minutes from July 9, 2020 as presented. The vote resulted as follows: “AYES”: Chair Jenkins, Vice Chair DeLaGrange, Members Kuhlman, Collier, Chapman, Battersby and Thorson. “NAYS”: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None. The motion passed.

MOTION/VOTE

Member Collier moved and Vice Chair DeLaGrange seconded the motion to approve the minutes from August 13, 2020 as presented. The vote resulted as follows: “AYES”: Chair Jenkins, Vice Chair DeLaGrange, Members Kuhlman, Collier, Chapman, Battersby and Thorson. “NAYS”: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None. The motion passed.

5. Action Items:

a. Travel Southern Oregon & Tourism (Dollar Mountain): Postponed to next meeting.

b. Tennis Pickleball Court discussion:

- Chair Jenkins: Tennis and Pickleball Associations got together and talked about some of our multi use courts and discussed how they could not be shared courts but divided. Shared use does not seem to be the best use. There are members from both Associations here to present to us.
- Jack Davis: I have been involved with Pickleball since 2012. We are here to get approval of the Memorandum of Understanding. A copy was provided to everyone. There is a real need for more Pickleball Courts. There needs to be separate courts. The courts at Fruitdale are overused and crowded. There is a bit of a conflict between Pickleball Players and Tennis Players in terms of usage. Greg Carratt, President of GPCTA and Don Teague, President of RPCI got together and hammered out the Memorandum of Understanding. The courts need to be resurfaced. He said that the city of Ashland is resurfacing their courts at a cost of \$86,000 for resurfacing and re painting but not including nets. RVP would be a good place for Pickleball with a 10-court facility. That would be enough courts.
- David Johnson: 6 courts need to be resurfaced. 2 at RVP, 2 at Morrison and 2 at Redwood.
- Greg Carratt: Multi use courts do not work out well. He would like to see separate courts with one at a time use. He is hoping to move forward with that.
- Laura Payne: I think this is a win win situation for both tennis and pickleball. The tennis groups are happy to get Morrison back and happy to

let pickleball go to RVP. They need the space. Portola needs to be resurfaced.

- Chair Jenkins: Years ago, when the parks were being designed pickleball was not an active sport. Now that pickleball is popular they are trying to work together and put together a long-term plan.
- Both tennis and pickleball users are on board with this. Both sides seem to be in agreement.
- Jack Davis: Pickleball will be excited to have 10 courts.
- Chair Jenkins: Cannot keep tennis court at Lawnridge because they are trying to save a tree. We can put in a smaller pickleball court.
- Lora Glover: Need to maintain Strategic Planning and Goal Setting to add courts to Redwood Park. She believes there is room at Redwood Park for additional courts. There have been extensive complaints at Redwood and Fruitdale Parks. Need to keep in mind the noise and neighbors. I am very pleased that these two groups are working this out.

MOTION/VOTE

Chair Jenkins moved and Member Collier seconded the motion to approve the recommendation of the Memorandum of Understanding with the addition that Lawnridge is dedicated to Pickleball and Westholm is dedicated to tennis. The vote resulted as follows: “AYES”: Chair Jenkins, Vice Chair DeLaGrange, Members Kuhlman, Collier, Chapman, Battersby and Thorson. “NAYS”: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None. The motion passed.

c. Caveman Pool Survey:

- Lora Glover: We are expanding the Urban Renewal Program to include Caveman Pool into that. To just replace it “as is”.
- Susan: Urban Renewal Funding? Do we need a survey or just do the replacement?
- Brian: How much money is available for the pool?
- Lora Glover: We would ask for the full cost of the project.
- Rick: Does Urban Renewal relate to the UGB?
- Lora Glover: No, it is different. She went on to explain the differences.
- Chair Jenkins: So, with this funding we would not have to ask the public for funds?
- Lora Glover: No. We would be able to use those funds instead. I will get a better more current estimate.
- Chair Jenkins: You have our support.

d. Budgetary Park Priorities:

- Chair Jenkins: Brian brought up the Gilbert Creek project and it tying into the Beacon Park project. What do we want to do next?
- Brian: This can roll into goal setting.

6. Matters from Committee Members and Staff:

a. Strategic Planning/Goal Setting

- Chair Jenkins: Stated that goals are due in November. Discussed last year's goals. She is having a meeting with the Mayor next week. Asked the committee to please bring in some ideas.

b. Agenda Format:

- Chair Jenkins: Stated that the Agenda Format is awkward. Can we improve it for ourselves?
- Lora: We do like to have consistency. The important part is Action Items. You can list anything under Matters from Committee Members and Staff.

7. Future Agenda Building for Next Meeting:

- Strategic Planning/Goal Setting
- Travel Southern Oregon
- Baseball subcommittee discussion
- Lawnridge update
- Deferred maintenance update

8. Adjournment

- Chair Jenkins adjourned the meeting at 4:47 p.m.

Next scheduled meeting: October 8, 2020

Minute notes provided by City Staff and minutes prepared by Jayme Hyatt PCD (Parks and Community Development) Office Assistant.