

PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes – September 14, at 3:30 PM
Council Chambers

Member Attendance:

Chad Thorson (Chair)
Emily Gogol (Vice Chair)
Catherine Bostwick
John Blackett
Rebekah Nugent - Absent
Shane Hickman - Zoom
Brad Converse

City/Staff/Council Liaisons:

Josh Hopkins – Parks Superintendent
Brad Clark – Community Development Director - Absent
Joel King – Council Liaison - Zoom

Guests:

Nick Popp
Reed Beaumont
Kasey Holden

1. Roll Call:

- Chair Thorson called the meeting to order at 3:31 pm and roll was taken.

2. Introductions:

- None.

3. Approval of Minutes: Moved to next meeting.

4. Public Comment:

- **Nick Popp: Parkour Park** ~ Nick explained the concept of a parkour park and that he has a petition with signatures supporting it. The committee discussed a possible location at Riverside Park. Parks Superintendent Hopkins (Josh) explained we are not looking to add more features to that area of Riverside Park due to the many uses. He explained we should look to incorporate the option in our surveying when we develop our next park explaining that Beacon Hill needs to be restarted and we have 1.2 million from URA allocated to Riverside which could be used to develop the west side of the park.
- **Reed Beaumont and Kasey Holden: RC Car Restriction at B Street Jumps** ~ Reed and Kasey spoke of supporting the restriction. Chair Thorson echoed the need and continued on with the discussion from the previous meeting. Discussion was had on designating part of the area for RC cars since it isn't an organized group. This did not gain traction. Josh explained it was under the City Manager's powers to add the restriction. The committee requested that staff ask the City Manager to consider restricting RC cars and banning them from the area with the item moved to action items next meeting.

5. Discussion:

a. Riverside Park Community Garden Options:

- Parks Superintendent, Hopkins (Josh), explained the garden club at Riverside Park is still active and we would not want to convert the area. He explained that he added it back to the addenda in order to update the committee. Catherine Bostwick explained she has some private place interested in helping. Emily Gogol spoke about her experience in San Francisco with community gardens. Josh explained we currently have no location in an existing park, if they would like to make a sub-committee to review sites and offer a recommendation, we can review that. The committee reported Bostwick, Nugent, and Gogol can coordinate as a sub-committee.

b. Master Plan Update:

- Parks Superintendent Josh Hopkins went over the Master Plan updates stating that the Planning Department is finalizing their staff reports for a hearing in November, after that it will go to Council for approval.

6. Action Items:

a. Vice Chair Election:

- New Member Emily Gogol volunteered for the Vice Chair position. The committee members agreed to vote at this meeting.

MOTION/VOTE

Member Converse moved, and Member Blackett seconded the motion to nominate Emily Gogol as Vice Chair. The vote resulted as follows: “AYES”: Chair Thorson. Members Hickman, Converse, Bostwick, and Blackett. “NAYS”: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Member Nugent. The motion passed.

7. Matters from Committee Members and Staff:

PROJECT UPDATES:

- a.** Parks Superintendent Hopkins (Josh) provided project updates on Dollar Mountain, Caveman Pool, RVP Playground, Dollar Mountain Parking Lot, Baker Park Portland Loo, Riverside Stage, and Skate Park.
- A lot of discussion regarding Caveman Pool was brought up by new member Emily Gogol. Josh explained a community forum was going to occur on October 10, 2023, and invited the Committee. Emily attempted to make a motion requesting the Council create a remodel cost, Josh informed her as a point of order the motion was not published as an action item and would not be entertained at this time. She withdrew the motion.
 - Josh spoke of the need to gather survey information for park development projects. He planned to have survey staff explain the City process at the next meeting.

8. Future Agenda Building for Next Meeting:

- Survey Options ~ Discussion
- Community Garden Update ~ Discussion
- Caveman Pool Community Forum Recap ~ Discussion
- RC Car Restriction at B Street Jumps ~ Action Item
- Caveman Pool Phase I ~ Action Item

9. Adjournment: Chair Thorson adjourned the meeting at 5:45 p.m.

Next scheduled meeting: October 12, 2023

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