



PARKS COMMISSION • MEETING MINUTES

July 16, 2014 • 5:30 p.m.

Sam Johnson Park, 333 SW 15th Street, Redmond, Oregon

Parks Commissioners Present: Chair Gary Parks, Vice-Chair Richard Lance, James Cook, Nicole MacTavish; Anthony Ross (absent: *Rena Meeks, Linda Nolte*)

Youth Ex Officio: Luke Purkey

City Staff: Bill Duerden, *Public Works Director*; Curt Petersen, *Manager of Parks, Facilities, and Cemetery*; Heather Richards, *Community Development Department Director*; Annie McVay, *Parks and Administration Division Manager*; Diana Shamberger, *Public Works*; Cameron Prow, *TYPE-Write II*

Visitors: Leslie Pugmire Hole, *Western Communications*; Katie Hammer, *Redmond Area Park and Recreation District (RAPRD)*

(scribe CP's note: The minutes were created from an audio record and notes taken at the meeting. The three digits after a motion title show the number of Commissioners voting in favor/against/abstaining.)

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Parks opened the meeting at approximately 5:30 p.m. with five of seven Commissioners present, establishing a quorum.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (None)

ANNOUNCEMENTS (None)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion 1 (5/0/0): Commissioner Lance moved to approve the minutes from April 16, 2014. Commissioner Cook seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

UPDATES/PRESENTATIONS

1. City of Redmond Parks Tour

Ms. Richards presented an updated Concept Plan of playground improvements for Sam Johnson Park including a goal of saving as many trees as possible. Redmond Chamber of Commerce has requested grading and creation of a concrete path to expand the safety area. Redmond Commission for Art in Public Places is working on custom benches that include children's handprints (previously collected). The City has hired David Olsen who helped with the initial plans to assist with site design. The final plan will be presented at the September meeting. She suggested a final discussion about the location of the basketball be held at that time.

Commissioners clarified their understanding of the planned improvements to Sam Johnson Park. Additional concerns included ADA accessibility of playground structure, donor recognition, and rock wall design.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

1. Approval of the 2014-2015 Priority Work Plan

Motion 2 (5/0/0): Commissioner Cook moved to approve adoption of the Parks Commission Priority Work Plan 2014-15 as presented. Commissioner MacTavish seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

4. Consider Idea to Document History of Redmond Parks

Commissioners discussed ways to inform the public about Redmond parks including printed matter, posting on the City website, informational kiosks, e-mail, and publishing in the local newspaper.

Motion 3 (5/0/0): Commissioner Lance moved to amend the Parks Commission Priority Work Plan 2014-15 to add documenting the history of Redmond parks as a new project. Commissioner Cook seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

2. Discussion of Parks Foundation Disc Golf Course Sponsorship

Vice-Chair Lance said he is continuing to research the issue of installing signage at the entrance to the course and at each tee. Information at each tee would include the distance, what par is, and the sponsor's name. The original plan called for disc golf users to raise the money. He is awaiting a status report from Brian Lane on fund-raising efforts by disc golf users. Redmond Parks Foundation donated funds for a message board at the entrance from the Spud Bowl side. He will report at the September meeting including sign examples (design, size).

Mr. Duerden recapped the City's current advertising policy within the park system.

Commissioners discussed expansion of the de facto parking area and how to make parking welcoming and accessible.

3. Discussion of Citizen Seed Program for Dog Park

Commissioner Ross reported hearing a lot of complaints from fellow dog owners about dust. Many people have suggested planting grass in the areas now covered by chips, adding a shade structure on the far end to encourage people to gather in spots other than the entrance.

Ms. McVay said citizens frequently raise concerns about dust control in the large-dog area. Based on her research, the impact of larger dogs and increased foot traffic would make it very difficult to grow and maintain grass in this area. The wood chips currently in place (engineered to not splinter) are those commonly used in large-dog areas that can't grow grass. She emphasized the importance of managing expectations of donors and volunteers.

Mr. Petersen discussed short-term impacts to dog park users while grass is being established and long-term impacts on the park system (maintenance).

Commissioner concerns included effective dust control surfaces, feasibility of maintaining grass in a high-use area, shade structure (location, likelihood of use), availability of water, balancing functional and aesthetic concerns, and encouraging dog owners to do spread out in this area rather than congregate at the entrance.

COUNCIL LIAISON COMMENTS (None)

STAFF COMMENTS (None)

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS (None)

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

Wednesday, September 17, 2014, 6 p.m.

ADJOURN

With no further business, Chair Parks adjourned the meeting at 6:39 p.m.

APPROVED by the Redmond Parks Commission and SIGNED by me this _____ day of _____, 2014.

ATTEST:

Gary Parks, Parks Commission Chair