



**PARKS COMMITTEE • MEETING MINUTES**

July 15, 2015

Redmond Public Works, Transportation Conference Room  
243 East Antler Avenue, Redmond, Oregon

**Parks Committee Members Present:** Chair Paul Nolan, Vice-Chair Gary Parks, James Cook, Rand Hill, Richard Lance, Linda Nolte (1 vacancy)

**Youth Ex Officio:** (absent: *Luke Purkey*)

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

**Visitors:** Katie Hammer, *Redmond Area Park and Recreation District*; Annie, Janette, Todd, and Tucker Neville; Barbara Detzel; Buck Boren; Marcy Shea-Boren; Cecilia Bryant; Curt & Judy Gilbertson; Ed Allumbauch; Fred Effinger; John G. Swires; Mel Hatton; Paul Burr; Wassa Starr

**Media:** Dave Morgan, *Redmond News Today*

(Note: The 3-digit number after a motion title shows the number of members voting in favor/opposed/abstaining.)

**CALL TO ORDER – INTRODUCTIONS**

Chair Nolan opened the regular meeting at 6 p.m. with a quorum of members (6 of 6) present. He expressed his thanks for Luke Purkey's contributions to the Parks Committee over the last year, and wished him well as he heads to college.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No comments were offered on nonagenda items.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Vice-Chair Lance requested Sentence 2, Paragraph 1, under UPDATE/PRESENTATIONS, 2. Pickleball Update, be corrected to read: "The pickleball community in Redmond applied for and received a \$250 grant from another pickleball association to help pay for nets."

**Motion 1** (6/0/0): Mr. Hill moved to approve the minutes from the May 20, 2015, meeting as amended. Mr. Cook seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

**DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

1. Discuss Options to Accommodate Pickleball  
Chair Nolan invited additional public comment.

Public comments covered preference by pickleball players for the Sam Johnson Park courts, number of Central Oregon pickleball players on July 14, 2015 (1,000 estimated), popularity of pickleball outside Central Oregon, pickleball's ability to attract new residents, ratio of pickleball courts to tennis courts, impacts of dual-striping on tennis and pickleball play, color of pickleball striping at Sam Johnson Park (orange too bright, doesn't blend in), advantage to grouping dual-striped courts together, why Ridgeview

High School can't share its tennis courts, number of pickleball courts needed, and Ridgeview's willingness to accommodate tennis and pickleball players during reconstruction of Sam Johnson Park.

Committee concerns included appreciation of the public's willingness to adopt a win-win attitude, home court advantage in tournaments of people used to playing on dual-striped courts, pickleball fund-raising to match with grant funds, Valley View windscreen (cost, effectiveness), pickleball setup procedure, security of nets, striping options, color palette of dual striping to meet U.S. Tennis Association standards, what makes Redmond a 1<sup>st</sup> choice community for new residents and tourists, appreciation for input from both pickleball and tennis players, and the feasibility of leaving pickleball nets up in the summer when tennis tournaments are over.

**Motion 2** (3/2/1): Mr. Lance moved that the current configuration in the Sam Johnson Park tennis complex be altered to six dedicated tennis courts, four dedicated pickleball courts, and one court dual-striped for pickleball and tennis. Mr. Hill seconded the motion.

**Motion 3** (4/1/1): Mr. Hill moved to amend Motion 2 to add one phantom-striped court for pickleball and tennis (yield: 2 dual-striped courts, 4 dedicated pickleball courts, 7 dedicated tennis courts). Mr. Lance seconded the motion which passed with Mr. Cook, Mr. Hill, Mr. Lance, and Mr. Parks voting in favor, Ms. Nolte opposed, and Mr. Nolan abstaining due to his employment status.

Following further discussion, Motion 2, as amended by Motion 3, passed with Mr. Cook, Mr. Hill, and Mr. Lance voting in favor, Ms. Nolte and Mr. Parks opposed, and Mr. Nolan abstaining due to his employment status.

Ms. McVay said staff would discuss with the contractor ways to affordably separate pickleball and tennis courts with fencing, but the cost of fencing might preclude adding it at this time.

2. Discuss Naming the Sam Johnson Playground

Ms. Richards presented her staff report. Her summary included the history, vision, community support/funding, design elements, accessibility, final site plan, and City guidelines for facility names. The mission: to create a fun place to play for the whole community that fosters collaboration, communication, and enjoyment for all and to establish Sam Johnson Park as the premier park in Central Oregon. Construction is underway. The design committee (representatives of the City, Friends of Sam Johnson Park, and Kiwanis) have requested the name of "Hope Playground – A Place for Everyone." Fiscal impact was expected to be none since signage is included in the design package.

Committee members discussed signage (universal "yield" sign), donor recognition location, playground capacity, how all ages will be accommodated, if intellectually and developmentally disabled adults will be able to use the equipment, if service animals will be allowed, user-friendliness (target demographics), and impact of the donated land.

**Motion 4** (6/0/0): Mr. Lance moved to recommend the name of "Hope Playground: A Place for Everyone" for the new playground at Sam Johnson Park to Redmond City Council. Ms. Nolte seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

3. Discuss Welcome Signage at Sam Johnson Playground

Ms. Richards said she was working with Ms. McVay and Mr. Petersen on donor recognition. Those participating in the design of the park felt strongly that the vision, mission, and designers of the project should be incorporated into the "welcome" sign. Major contributors to this project included Friends of Sam Johnson Park, Kiwanis, City of Redmond, the playground provider, representative for the playground provider, and the landscape architect.

Committee concerns included how donors should be recognized (names on plaques vs. advertising logos), separating donor recognition from acknowledgement of professionals who were paid for their services, and suggestions for sign content. Following discussion, committee members agreed by consensus to request staff draft the essence of their discussion and e-mail the draft to them for feedback before the September meeting.

4. Discuss BMX Bicycle Use in the Skate Park

Chair Nolan requested feedback from the committee about whether BMX bike riders should be allowed to ride in the skate park.

Committee discussion covered potential damage to skate park facilities from nonskater use (bikes, scooters), public safety due to conflicting uses, City liability, enforcement of allowable uses, and research via the National Recreation and Park Association listserv,

Ms. Richards reported that three middle-school students asked City Council for a bike park about two months ago. Council directed them to work with City staff during the Parks Master Plan update process.

Following discussion, Chair Nolan recommended that this issue be added to a future Parks Committee meeting agenda.

### **UPDATES – PRESENTATIONS**

1. Sam Johnson Tennis Court Reconstruction

Ms. McVay reported the bid to reconstruct the tennis courts at Sam Johnson Park closed today. Staff will present the submitted bids (ranging from \$345,000 to \$512,000) to Council on August 11, 2015. Construction is expected to start right after that.

2. Maple Avenue Bridge Climbing Update

Ms. McVay said Ian Caldwell's presentation to Council on July 14 was well received. He installed eight bolts today. A Coffee Clatter is being planned for October 2015.

3. FY 2015-2016 Projects: Initiating Quince Park Revitalization

Ms. McVay said staff were thinking about a survey and open houses/design charrettes to get feedback from neighborhood residents on what they would like to see at this park. Design concerns will include balancing amenities with a desire for green spaces and tracking water use in the community.

Mr. Duerden said research to date indicated that re-using gray water was cost-prohibitive due to the additional screening, piping, and pumping required.

Committee concerns included holding a community meeting at Quince Park and installing low-water irrigation systems.

4. Disc Golf Tournament

### **COUNCIL LIAISON COMMENTS**

None.

### **STAFF UPDATES**

Next meeting: Wednesday, September 16, 2015, 6 p.m.

### **COMMITTEE MEMBER UPDATES/COMMENTS**

Mr. Hill thanked Parks staff for removing graffiti from the Dry Canyon trail.

Ms. Nolte reported she had not yet walked the horse path to see where signs should go but promised to do so before the September meeting.

Committee members who attended the Parks tour agreed it was worthwhile.

Chair Nolan thanked staff and the Parks Committee for their work on the pickleball issue.

Tentative meeting agenda for September

- \* Welcome signage at Sam Johnson playground
- \* BMX bike use in the skate park

**ADJOURN**

**Motion 5** (6/0/0): Ms. Nolte moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Nolan seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

With no further business, Chair Nolan adjourned the meeting at 8:03 p.m.

APPROVED by the Redmond Parks Committee and SIGNED by me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2015.

ATTEST:

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 Paul Nolan  
 Chair

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 Annie McVay  
 Parks and Administration Division Manager