

# The City of Columbia City

In Columbia County on the Columbia River



## PARKS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES MARCH 2, 2016 - 5:00 P.M. CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

### **Present:**

Sally Ann Marson, Chair  
Jack Hruska, Committee Member  
Sheila Bauer, Committee Member  
Leahnette Rivers, City Administrator/Recorder

**Veterans Park:** The Committee reviewed details associated the ceremony that will be held on Memorial Day. The bagpiper will play three songs - one to open, one midway, and one to close the ceremony. Alta Lynch will talk with VFW members about honoring or recognizing some local veterans.

The third Veterans and War Memorial Grant application was successful. Border materials have been purchased and are currently being installed to separate all of the grassy areas from the bark dust. A pattern has been selected for the tile work at the base of the monuments. Tiles have been ordered, and prep work is currently underway for the cement pours.

**Five-Year Plan Update:** Members prioritized the following projects to be included in this year's Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan:

- McBride Creek Trail System
- Bike Path Refurbishment and Improvements
- Datis Park Refurbishments, Observation Platform, and Fishing Dock
- Basalt Rock Relocation

**DAR Parks:** Leahnette said the DAR is receptive to sponsoring an Eagle Scout Project in Pixie Park that involves improvements to the railing and steps, but they want an opportunity to review and approve the design first. Leahnette suggested Committee Members visit the park and determine what needs to be done.

Leahnette said the St. Helens Garden Club has been working with the corrections crew to clean up Ruth Rose Richardson Park. She said there are plenty of areas that could use replanting, but not without first having a functional irrigation system in place. She will obtain a quote for the installation of an automated system that only covers necessary planting areas for the DAR to

consider.

**Dog Park:** Members suggested some wood chips be added to the park as needed.

**Adjournment/Next Meeting:** The Committee will meet again on March 22nd at 5:00 p.m.  
Meeting adjourned 5:50 p.m.