

The City of Columbia City

In Columbia County on the Columbia River



PARKS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES OCTOBER 4, 2018 - 5:00 P.M. 1840 SECOND STREET, COLUMBIA CITY, OR 97018

Present:

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

Veterans Park: Nell said Judy, a garden specialist from Al's Nursery, walked through the Veteran's Park with her earlier this week and provided her with a wealth of information about the proper care and treatment of the various plants, shrubs and trees within the park. She said Judy was very impressed by the beauty of the park and its unique design. Among other things, Judy recommended:

- We dig around the ceanothus in search of an underground spring;
- We trim the ceanothus after the first frost;
- We treat the soil around the petunias with Captain Jack and skip a year of growing petunias to eliminate the pest that's eating them;
- We add lime to the hydrangea now, in November and again in March;
- We feed all of the shrubs with a mild fertilizer; and
- We add more garden soil to the roses.

Leahnette will have some garden soil delivered to the park.

McBride Creek Trail System: Leahnette distributed copies of the April 26, 2018 Trestle Beach Opportunities Analysis report to the Committee. She said the ODOT Rail diagnostics meeting will occur later this month. She suggested the Parks Committee join her for a field trip to look at the preferred options for future access and parking. A field trip was scheduled for October 10 at 10 am, with everyone meeting at the Veterans Park.

Datis Park: Committee members reviewed an email message dated August 30, 2018 from Frank Cisneros objecting to the proposed placement of a picnic shelter in Datis Park and raising concerns about safety issues associated with the foot path down to the river and the drop-off

behind the rope fencing. He also asked that neighbors be notified about any planned changes to the park.

With regard to the picnic shelter, Chair Marson suggested the Committee focus on securing grant funds to develop the fishing pier first, which has been planned for many years now. She said we'll need to know how the fishing pier fits within the park before we develop anything else that might block access to it. Leahnette said some engineering will be needed in order to obtain enough information to apply for grant funds. It was the consensus of the Committee that the City Engineer be asked to provide staff with the preliminary information that will be needed in order to solicit grant funds for the project.

Harvard Park: Leahnette said the Lion's Club bench has been temporarily installed in the park. She said it is really a beautiful bench. She said the shade sail is ready for installation, but we'll need to wait now until the start of the season next year. The Lions Club will pour the cement foundation for the bench after the shade sail is installed. Leahnette will send a thank you card to the Lions Club and put an article about the new bench in the next newsletter.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.