

# The City of Columbia City

*In Columbia County on the Columbia River*



## **PARKS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

**MAY 17, 2011- 5:00 P.M.**

**CITY HALL, 1840 SECOND STREET  
COLUMBIA CITY, OR 97018**

### **Present:**

Shannon Fitzgibbons, Chair  
Sheila Bauer  
Marian Calnon  
Nell Harrison  
Mark Ebert  
Leahnette Rivers  
Jonathan Harrel  
Garr Harrel

**Ruth Rose Richardson (RRR) and Pixie Parks:** Jonathan Harrel said he hopes to spruce up Ruth Rose Richardson Park on June 18, 2011, from 9 a.m. to 3 or 4 p.m. for his Eagle Scout Project. He presented the project proposal as follows:

- Clean and stain the park benches
- Clean and power wash the walking paths
- Clean up and remove all yard debris
- Trim shrubs and trees as needed
- Repaint and stain the park sign
- Plant low maintenance perennials and/or shrubs
- Add new bark mulch
- Mow lawns

Jonathan said his project budget is \$1,709.00, and provided Committee Members with a detailed budget. He said he is hoping to obtain approval to move forward with his project as soon as possible because he needs to start soliciting community and financial support.

Leahnette said the DAR has expressed support of the project, but they ask that all new plants be native to the area. The Parks Committee expressed approval of Jonathan

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moving forward with his Eagle Scout Project as presented.

Committee Members provided Jonathan with other potential Eagle Scout projects available within Columbia City, such as the Fitness Station Project, McBride Creek trail development which might include the construction of a footbridge, etc. Jonathan will share these ideas with Scout Leaders.

**ODOT Right-of-Way Area - Entrance Sign:** Shannon said the tree donated by Peggy and Bob Sharpe has been planted. Committee Members discussed the flagpole and lighting project. Leahnette will check further on the availability of solar lighting. Members suggested the remaining pile of bark dust be distributed on the bank.

**Jim Bundy Memorial Park:** Members expressed praise and thanks for the amazing job Thomas Nash, volunteer, has done with shaping up the park. Marcia and Don Parrett have also volunteered some time towards the recent upkeep of the park. Members thought the park looks better than it ever has.

**Datis Park:** Members reviewed a proof for the Datis informational sign. Members suggested the font be larger and bolder, and fill the 11" x17" space. Leahnette will look into assistance from ODOT for moving a rock for the sign.

**Pixie Park:** Stan Hopkins said he has been removing blackberry bushes from Pixie Park. He said it would be really nice to add some sand to the beach. Leahnette will check with the Port of St. Helens and/or Corp of Engineers to inquire about possibly obtaining some sand spoils.

**McBride Creek Trail:** Shannon and Stan will meet at the site to discuss potential trail routes and development.

**Public Works Wall:** Mark Ebert was introduced as a new volunteer and potential candidate for the Parks Committee. Mark has taken on the Public Works Wall planting area as a project. He plans to weed the area, fill the planters with soil, complete the drip system, and finish the planting.

**Other Business:** Mark said he is also interested in making the barbecues for the parks. Leahnette said she checked with the City's insurance company, and they gave the go ahead to install barbecues in the developed park areas.

Meeting adjourned 5:50 p.m.