

The City of Columbia City

In Columbia County on the Columbia River



PARKS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES NOVEMBER 15, 2011- 5:00 P.M. CITY HALL, 1840 SECOND STREET COLUMBIA CITY, OR 97018

Present:

Shannon Fitzgibbons, Chair
Marian Calnon
Jack Hruska (departed at 5:15 p.m.)
Leahnette Rivers

Entrance Sign Site: Leahnette said she recently met on-site with Micah Rogers and the City's electrician. She said the electrician is putting together a quote for adding the power box and installing and wiring the lighting fixtures. The power box will be placed back in the trees, away from the sign and flagpole. She said the electrician is also getting quotes for LED lighting fixtures, as well as standard low energy lighting fixtures. She said the LED fixtures will cost about 4 times more than standard fixtures, and may not be affordable. She said she also has 2 separate quotes for LED fixtures. She said the City will qualify for a \$120 rebate for each LED fixture, but even with the rebate they are still very expensive.

Leahnette said the PUD will provide the power to the site at no cost to the City, and an anonymous citizen has donated \$1,000 to the City for the lighting project.

Leahnette said ODOT is currently processing our permit for the installation of the flagpole and the lighting fixtures.

Marian said the other plants that have died around the site should also be replaced. Leahnette will request replacement plants from ODOT next summer for planting in the fall.

Jim Bundy Memorial Park: Marian said that Thomas Nash, park volunteer, has identified a couple of trees in the park that may be dangerous and should be removed.

Leahnette will follow-up with Thomas regarding this matter.

Porta-potties: Leahnette said she's received several complaints about the removal of the porta-potties this winter. She said it seems they were used more during the winter months than we originally thought. She said the porta-potties were convenient for use by the Public Works crew and other utility workers in the area, citizens that frequently walk, and children and parents that visit the Harvard Park playground during the winter months. She said this feedback will be important when prioritizing services in the future.

Christmas ships: Shannon said she has learned that the Caples House has an annual gathering during the Christmas ships, so she has decided to not pursue a City-sponsored event.

Meeting adjourned 5:25 p.m.