

The City of Columbia City

In Columbia County on the Columbia River



PARKS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES JUNE 30, 2015 - 5:00 P.M. CITY HALL, 1840 SECOND STREET, COLUMBIA CITY, OR 97018

Present:

Sally Ann Marson, Chair
Nell Harrison, Committee Member
Debra Hebard, Committee Member
Jack Hruska, Committee Member
Stank Hopkins, Committee Member
Leahnette Rivers, City Administrator/Recorder

Veterans Park: Committee Members determined that the handicapped accessible porta-potty should remain in the shelter within the park to accommodate park visitors as well as bike path users.

Members discussed the grant application for Phase III improvements, which will include the following:

- A monument providing a tribute to the family members of veterans;
- A purple heart monument;
- A POW/MIA monument;
- A fourth wall panel for veteran bricks;
- A plaque explaining the purpose of the hole that is drilled through the All American Veterans monument;
- Some durable and attractive trash containers;
- A drinking water fountain with a water bowl for dogs.

Leahnette reported that she has thanked all of the dedication ceremony event participants and shared photos with them. She said she also extended some invitations to participate again next year, and has received several confirmations.

It was the consensus of Committee Members that the City purchase Challenge Coins. The Committee will work on specific design details at the next meeting. Committee Members also suggested some Veterans Park Dedication photo books be printed and made available

for sale.

Members noted that the cherry trees are dying and discussed what types of trees should be purchased to replace them.

Harvard Park: The topic of parking was raised again, with members suggesting that parking is available along the curbside of Sixth Street and Penn Street and within the grassy area south of the playground. It was the consensus that no other action be taken with regard to parking at this time.

Leahnette said the See Saw has been ordered and should arrive in a month or so.

Eagle Scout Projects: Members agreed upon the following projects for the Scouts to consider as potential Eagle Scout Projects:

- Install the see saw and a drinking fountain at Harvard Park;
- Install split rail fencing along the steep bank adjacent to the bike patch to the west of the Veterans Park;
- Improve the first section of the McBride Creek Trail;
- Improve the lower picnic area at the Veterans Park;
- Add a park bench improvement along the bike path.

The installation of a BMX bike trail along the bike path was discussed. Leahnette said some survey work will need to be completed to identify the amount of property that we actually have to work with. Members asked that this project be on hold to provide an opportunity for further discussion and study.

Set Time and Date for Next Meeting: The Parks Committee will meet again at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 28th at the Veterans Park.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned 6:00 p.m.