

The City of Columbia City

In Columbia County on the Columbia River



Basketball Hoop Study Group Meeting Minutes - May 19, 2014 - 10:00 a.m. City Hall, 1840 Second Street Columbia City, Oregon 97018

Members Present:

Kathleen Devlin, Citizen Member/Chair
Sally Ann Marson, City Council Member
Beth Sisemore, Citizen Member
Kirsten Bailey, Citizen Member
William Frey, Citizen Member
Leahnette Rivers, City Administrator/Recorder

Members reviewed and discussed the results of the citizen survey regarding the placement of basketball hoops within the City's right-of-ways. We received a record-breaking response of 110 surveys, with 51 people saying they did not have any issues with hoops in the right-of-ways, 58 people responding that they did have issues with hoops in the right-of-ways, and 1 person undecided. Of those that had issues, the most common issues were that the hoops were difficult to see at night, they had concerns about the safety of children, and they obstruct the parking. Kathleen noted that a common theme from hoop proponents was an interest in keeping children active, with the opposition to additional rules and regulations following second.

After a lengthy discussion, Committee Members agreed upon the following recommendations for hoop regulations within the City right-of-ways to forward to City Council consideration during the June 5th meeting:

- Hoops within the right-of-way allowed by permit only.
- Permits shall be issued one time as opposed to annually.
- Permit fee of \$20.00 to cover processing costs.
- Occupants of property with a driveway of suitable size and slope for

- playing basketball are ineligible for a permit.
- All hoops placed within the right-of-way by permit must be removed from the right-of-way by dusk.
 - Property owner's must sign the permit form acknowledging their responsibility for all liability associated with the hoop and the use of the hoop (property damage, injury, etc.) and acknowledging the City's immunity from liability.
 - Hoop placement must be at least eight feet from the property line of any adjacent property.
 - Hoops may never be placed within the sidewalk.
 - Hoops must be maintained in a stable condition (adequate weight distribution to avoid tipping).
 - Hoop placement may not impede traffic.
 - Permit to include a list of rules and recommendations related to children safety, yielding to traffic, placing "children playing" cones, etc.
 - Hoops permanently mounted in the right-of-way are currently illegally placed and need to be removed.

The Committee will also recommend the Council give further consideration to:

- Establishing a Youth Council.
- Establishing a Parks and Recreation Department.
- Providing other recreational opportunities to the community.
- Opening the Community Hall for community recreational opportunities.
- Pursuing an agreement with the Pacific Athletic Club for public use of their outdoor basketball courts.

Members asked that citizens be thanked for their outstanding contributions to the survey through the next issue of the Newsletter.

Meeting adjourned at 11:03 a.m.