

The City of Columbia City

In Columbia County on the Columbia River



PARKS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES **January 28, 2020 - 5:00 P.M.** **1840 SECOND STREET, COLUMBIA CITY, OR 97018**

Present:

Sally Ann Marson, Committee Chair
Nell Harrison, Committee Member
Jack Hruska, Committee Member
Kelly Wiggins, Multnomah DAR Regent
Mike McGlothlin, City Administrator

Chair Marson called the Parks Committee meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

Review of City Parks: Chair Marson led this discussion by reviewing the Winter Report for 2019-20 that was submitted as a portion of the agenda for this meeting. Chair Marson also provided an update for the St. Helens Parks and Recreation meetings that she has been attending; primarily consisting of information that the majority of fees raised will be dedicated to recreation activities versus parks expenditures.

Review and discussion of Winter Report 2019-20 and citizen input as compiled by Chair Marson: Chair Marson conducted the review of the Winter Report 2019-20 as attached to the agenda for this meeting. See the following for issues/items covered:

1. Harvard Park:
 - a. Pre-installation ground work for wind sails to be installed scheduled to take place in late winter early spring time frame by Public Works personnel in order to take advantage of softer ground conditions.
 - b. Safety check of metal surfaces/edges on playground equipment and repainting of playground equipment surfaces needs to be reviewed and conducted as needed.
 - c. Request to improve second trash can area at the north end of the park to match the work completed on the most recent Boy Scout project. Discussion also took place to consider developing a single standard for trash can set up, condition and appearance so that there is continuity with all parks within the City's system.

2. City Dog Park:
 - a. Plans to build a canine exercise/obstacle course in the northwestern corner of the Dog Park as a new Boy Scout project are being developed with construction projected for March – April 2020.
3. Carolyn King Park:
 - a. Additional request for consideration of installing an area of safety fencing along the east side of the stone wall.
4. Veterans Park:
 - a. Repeat request to relocate sign to a new location; either to a lower temporary spot or to install at a new elevated location so as to avoid interfering with the climbing roses. This led to a discussion about incorporating the sign relocation into the development of the Rivers Walk Trail project; to also include improved parking along the bike trail area south of the entrance into Veterans Park. Moved to Five Year Planning meeting in February, 2020 for further discussion.
 - b. Repeat discussion regarding trash can upgrade and similar appearance to all city parks.
5. Datis Park:
 - a. Continue current safety work and trimming of trees.
6. Bundy Park:
 - a. Continue grass, weed, and undergrowth maintenance during growing season.
 - b. Inspection of trees along bike path trail. Presence of ivy at some locations and review for trimming. Verify which trees are City property and responsibility. Photograph to be forwarded to Public Works as submitted by Jack Hruska.

Other business: Jack Hruska led discussion in regards to reclassifying the proposed fishing deck along the Columbia River at Datis Park to be changed to an observation deck. Moved to be reviewed and discussed at the February 25, 2020 Five Year planning meeting.

Kelly Wiggins, Multnomah DAR Regent, informed the committee that the DAR Chapter has developed new goals for the 2020 year:

1. Monthly park cleanup for Ruth Rose Richardson Park on third or fourth Saturday of the month, from 10:00 am – 3:00 pm, starting on February 22, 2020. Request for assistance with debris removal through coordination with Public Works.
2. Plans to revisit the installation of a new sprinkler system at Ruth Rose Richardson Park.
3. Picnic table replacement at Pixie Park with input from the Public Works Superintendent as to type/style to be purchased.
4. Shade system for the Pixie Park picnic table area.
5. Water fountain restoration project at Ruth Rose Richardson Park.

Next meeting time: Tuesday February 25, 2020 at 6:00pm in the Council Chambers at City Hall for Five Year Plan issues.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m.