

# The City of Columbia City

*In Columbia County on the Columbia River*



## **PARKS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES JULY 25, 2017 - 5:00 P.M. 1840 SECOND STREET, COLUMBIA CITY, OR 97018**

### **Present:**

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

**Veterans Park:** Committee Members discussed issues with morning glory and the various weed killers. Leahnette will have the work crew spend several days removing the vegetation from the future picnic area below the Veterans Park so we can begin to routinely spray any morning glory that comes up.

It was the consensus of the Committee that the cherry trees within the Blue Star Marker island should be removed due to their failing health. Members will select a tree or trees for planting within the island this fall.

Nell said the azaleas behind the monument are not getting enough water. Leahnette said she thought there was a drip system in there. She'll check, and if there is, have the setting for that section expanded.

Jack said he visited the Veterans Park at noon on July 17th, and he witnessed the star light up, which was great! He suggested we start marketing that day in advance - perhaps refer to it as "Peace Day" or something of that nature - to encourage people to go to the park to witness the event. Members liked the idea, and Leahnette will start promoting it in next year's July newsletter.

Leahnette reported that the drinking fountain has arrived, but said it will probably be several months before we get around to installing it.

**Harvard Park:** Leahnette said the wind sail has been ordered, but she's not sure of the estimated date of arrival. She'll check and schedule a site visit for the Parks Committee

sometime after the wind sail arrives.

**Ruth Rose Richardson (RRR)/Pixie Parks:** Members noted that, in addition to Stan's efforts, someone has been doing a lot of trimming and weeding in both parks. Leahnette said it's likely been one of our new park volunteers, Alan Martinson.

**Ivy/Blackberry Removal:** Leahnette said Harold Olsen said the Mormon Church members are currently considering this project, and he should have an answer for us in the near future.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.