

# The City of Columbia City

*In Columbia County on the Columbia River*



## PARKS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 26, 2018 - 5:00 P.M.

COLUMBIA CITY VETERANS PARK, COLUMBIA CITY, OR 97018

### **Present:**

Sally Ann Marson, Chair

Nell Harrison, Committee Member

Stan Hopkins, Committee Member

Leahnette Rivers, City Administrator/Recorder

**Veterans Park:** Nell said the magnolia tree is blooming. She said the Garden Club worked in the park on Monday, weeding the planter beds and spreading more bark dust. She said a representative from Al's Nursery plans to come out to visit the park and assess some issues with some of the shrubs. Leahnette said a new grant award will be used to install some improvements to the McCormick Park Veterans Memorial. She said improvements will include individual monuments for the various service branches, and the St. Helens VFW is recommending the wording for their service monuments read the same as our service monuments.

**Datis Park:** Members discussed installing a covered picnic area in Datis Park, similar to the one that is in Carolyn King Park, except larger. Leahnette will bring some structure options to the next meeting for consideration.

**Harvard Park:** Leahnette said the Public Works crew plans to install the shade sail in July or August. Sally Ann noted that the Lions Club will be installing a new memorial bench under the shade sail.

**Armstrong Work Group:** Stan said the Armstrong volunteers did an outstanding job of sprucing up Pixie and Ruth Rose Richardson Park. Leahnette said they performed similar work in Carolyn King Memorial and Jim Bundy Memorial Parks. Committee Members expressed their appreciation for Armstrong's contributions to our City parks.

**McBride Creek Trail System:** Leahnette said a request has been submitted to Oregon State Parks for a grant under the Recreational Trails Program for the construction of Phase I of the McBride Creek Trail system which will extend from the Veterans Park to the north end of Sixth

Street.

Leahnette said after significant effort, we have finally received very informal conceptual agreement from representatives of ODOT, ODOT Rail, Portland & Western Railroad, Port of St. Helens, and Knife River Industries that the use of the existing culvert for pedestrian and bicycle traffic, the southerly Knife River rail crossing for access to a proposed parking area on Knife River property, and the ODOT ROW above the bank to the south of the Veterans Park for another parking area with ingress off of Lincoln Street and right-turn only egress onto Highway 30 is possible. She said we also have very informal conceptual approval that the construction of a pedestrian bridge over Highway 30 to connect the Veterans Park/linear bike path/parking area with the Trestle Beach entrance at the culvert may be possible. She said rail crossing permits, access development permits, easements, Highway improvements, and rail crossing improvements will all be required. She said there are still many formal details to work out, but measurable progress has been made. She said plans for obtaining committee input, public input and a Town Hall meeting are all underway. She said she will be submitting a request for a one-year extension of the National Park Technical Assistance under the Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program this week.

**Carolyn King Memorial Park:** Sally Ann questioned whether or not another tree should be planted to replace the sick one that was removed. Nell suggested we stick to shrubs.

**Entrance Sign Area:** Committee Members said the roses are even more beautiful this year. Sally Ann mentioned that a dead tree needs to be removed from the area along the bank.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 5:29 p.m.