

The City of Columbia City

In Columbia County on the Columbia River



PARKS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

August 27, 2019 - 5:00 P.M.

1840 SECOND STREET, COLUMBIA CITY, OR 97018

Present:

Sally Ann Marson, Committee Chair
Nell Harrison, Committee Member
Sheila Bauer, Committee Member
Jack Hruska, Committee Member
Stan Hopkins, Citizen
Mike McGlothlin, City Administrator

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

Review of City Parks: The City Administrator briefed the committee that Nell Harrison and her group of gardening volunteers had completed another round of maintenance within the Veterans Parks complex, and that he and Public Works Superintendent Micah Rogers had developed a work plan from the safety review of the parks which was conducted in June.

Chair Marson informed the committee that the Eagle Scout project had been completed at Harvard Park, resulting in two tables being refurbished and an enclosure built for the trash container at the park. Installation of the sails at Harvard Park has not been completed as of yet due to Public Works personnel involvement in the water systems improvement project. It was also noted that Public Works personnel have been updating signage for the parks within the City and that a citizen based group had been assisting with working in the flower beds at Bundy Park.

Ruth Rose Richardson and Pixie Park Update: The City Administrator and Public Works Superintendent met with the Multnomah Chapter NSDAR Regent Kelly Wiggins on August 27th at Pixie Park. The DAR is in consultation with a contractor in regards to safety improvements of the stairs leading down to the beach along the Columbia River, and is also planning on replacing the picnic tables that are currently in place at Pixie Park. Regent Wiggins is also planning a work day in Ruth Rose Richardson Park for Saturday October 12th, with potential future plans for contracting with a private maintenance company for work in the park.

McBride Creek Trail System (To be named “Rivers Walks”) Grant Update: The City Administrator updated the committee on the successful award of a grant from the Oregon Parks and Recreation Division in order to assist with funding for the completion of Phase I of the trail. Next steps will involve scope of work, design, and engineering concerns with the City’s contracted engineer, Kennedy Jenks.

Volunteer Recruitment: With a steady decline in the number of volunteers to assist in the City parks the City Administrator and Committee discussed recruitment efforts in order to capture the interest of those who may want to become involved. Recruitment notices are being published within the City Newsletter and personal outreach is being conducted with interested parties.

Other business: Due to the increased knowledge of the commercial “Roundup” weed killer litigation committee members discussed the use of this product by Public Works personnel. The City Administrator will coordinate with the Public Works Superintendent in order to ensure that materials used will be reviewed and utilized safely.

Future coordination with the Columbia County Work Crew was also discussed in order to address parks maintenance needs. Coordination with ODOT was also discussed in assistance with blackberry abatement in the northern area of the City.

Next meeting time: Tuesday October 22, 2019 at 5:00pm in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.