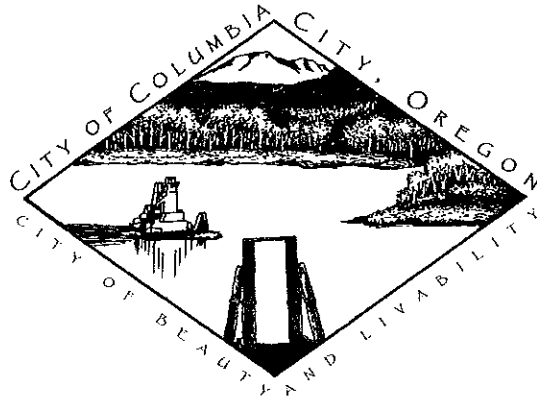


The City of Columbia City

In Columbia County on the Columbia River



PARKS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 25, 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
Mike McGlothlin, City Administrator/Recorder
Frank Cisneros, Citizen
Stan Hopkins, Citizen
Brian Morse, Citizen
Edna Morse, Citizen
Sophie Martinson, Citizen
Alan Martinson, Citizen
Bob Anderson, Citizen

Safety Review of City Parks: The Committee Chair, Sally Ann Marson, called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm and began the safety review of the City parks at Datis Park. Immediately following the safety review at Datis Park the committee members, minus the above listed citizens, conducted safety reviews at Carolyn King, Harvard, and Bundy Parks based upon information received from citizens related to safety concerns. Please see the following for information covered during the safety review:

Datis Park: Primary safety concern identified at Datis Park related to the path from the park down to the Columbia River. It was proposed that improved grading was needed in order to establish a safer path route, that materials be used to construct a walkway that would be impervious to storm water runoff from the culvert located at the top of the pathway, and that a hand rail be added from the top of the path entrance to the terminus of the path at the beach area of the Columbia River. (See attached photographs) A secondary safety concern that was identified involved the rope barrier/Bayberry planting which borders and protects the drop-off to the hillside leading down to the Columbia River. It was proposed that a higher rope barrier be eventually put into place to protect against any fall dangers.

Carolyn King Park: Primary safety concern identified as Carolyn King Park was in regards to a potential fall hazard that was identified at the retaining wall which is located to the south of the park. Proposed resolution included researching applicable code and install fencing at the site location if warranted. (See attached photographs)

Harvard Park: Two safety complaints had been communicated to the Parks Committee at this location. The first was a request for bark dust to be recirculated/fluffed on a more frequent basis in order to provide fall protection under the playground structure. The second complaint was a request for maintenance of the playground structure in order to address rusted portions of the equipment, peeling protective coating in step areas, and to check for any sharp corners or surfaces on the equipment structure. Chari Marson also informed the committee that the local Scout Troop would be repairing tables and trash receptacle storage area with an upcoming community service project.

Bundy Park: One primary fire safety concern was identified at this park site. Weeding, grass cutting, and clearing of deadfall was observed to be needed around the park benches and along the bike path portion of the park; along the path from E Street to the north end of the park. Overgrown areas present a potential fire hazard if another hot and dry summer season occurs in the area again this year.

Other business: Chair Marson informed the committee about a children's literacy program that the Columbia City Library wants to start in conjunction with the city parks system. "A Literary Walk in the Park" is a summer program where literary quotations will be mounted on weatherproof posters within the ten city parks from mid-August through the City Celebration on September 14, 2019. A walking tour map and fun game challenge will highlight the parks and encourage summer reading activities. More information will be forthcoming from the Columbia City Library. (See attached example of literary quote)

Next meeting time: Tuesday August 27, 2019 at 5:00pm in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

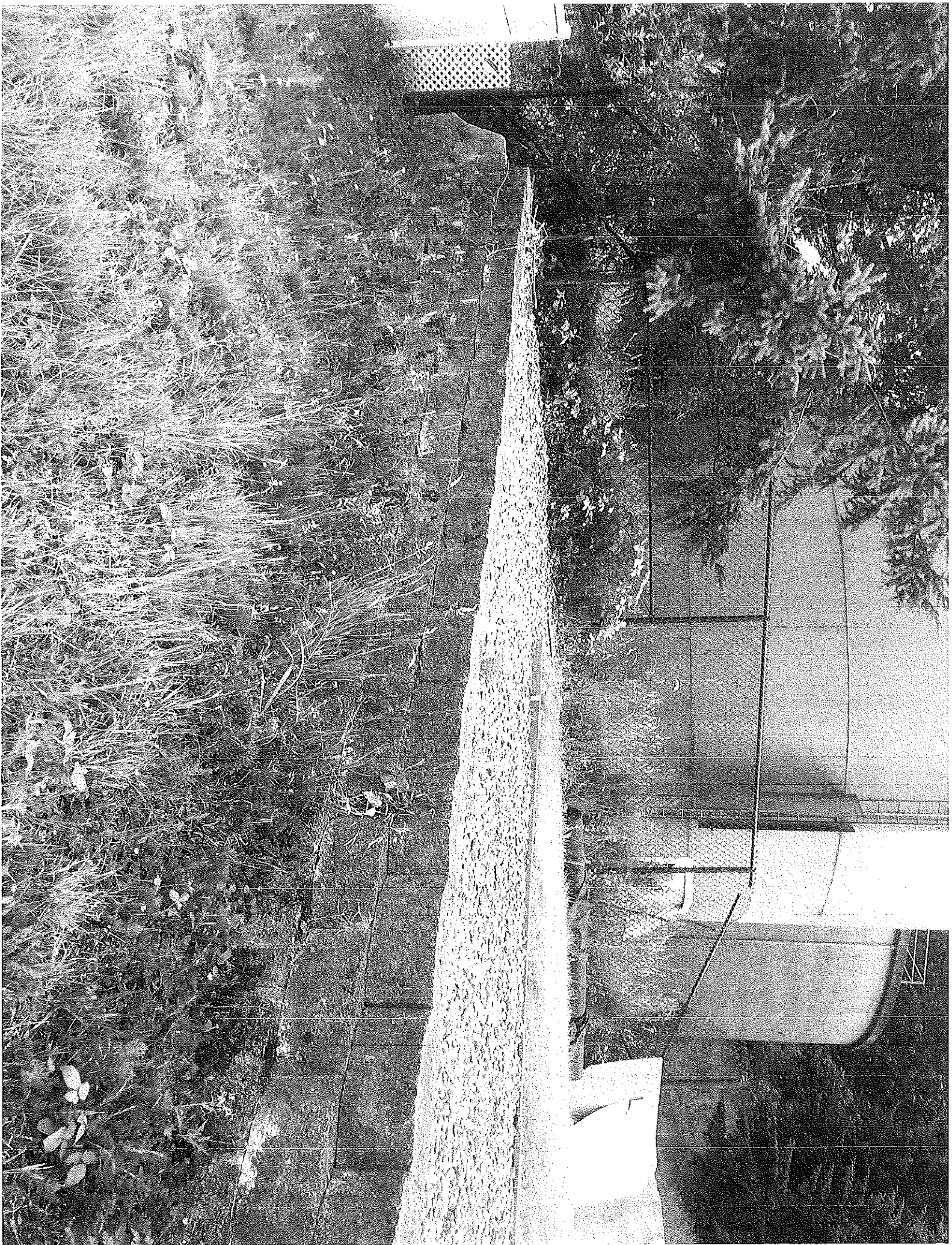
Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 5:47 p.m.

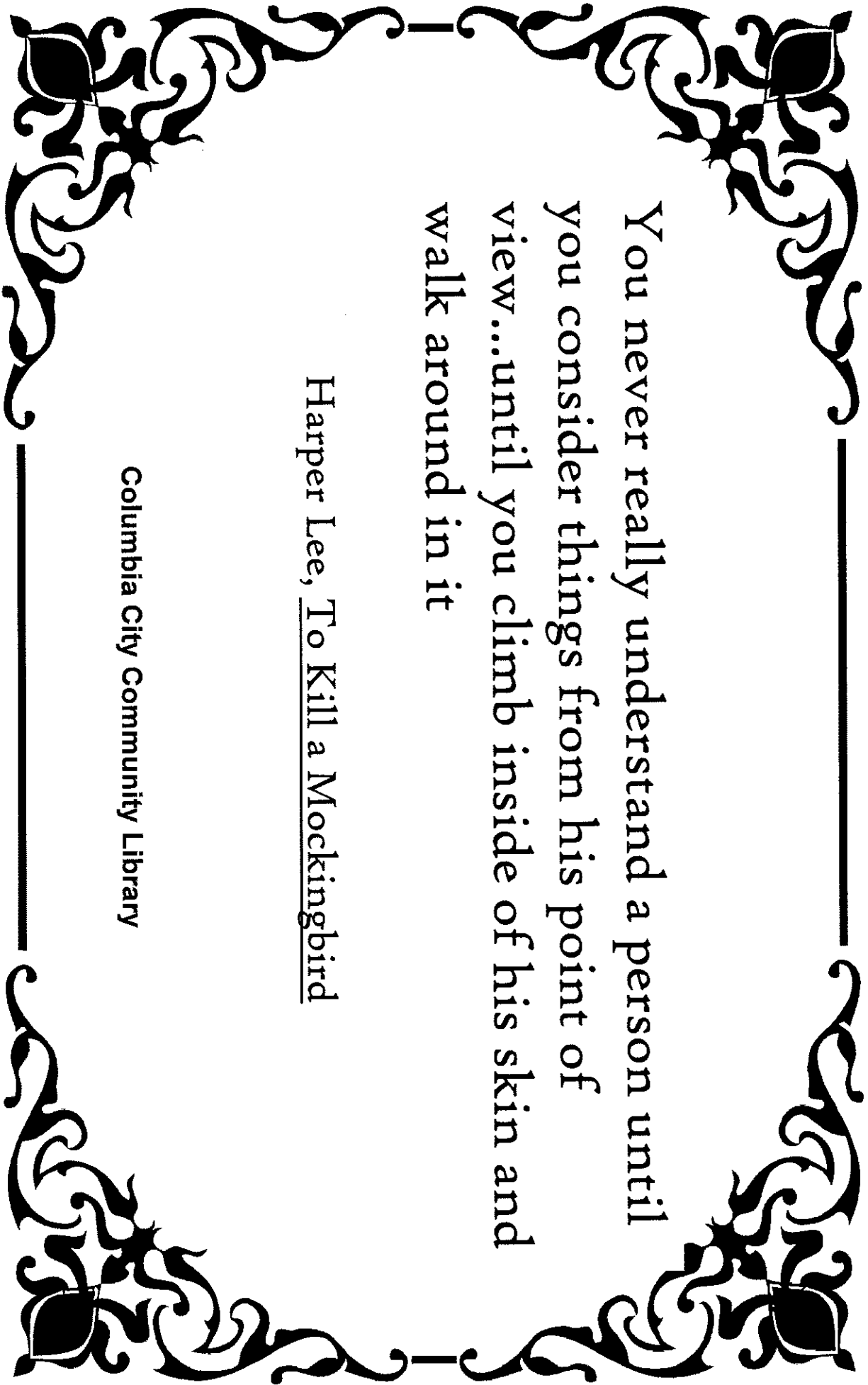












You never really understand a person until
you consider things from his point of
view..until you climb inside of his skin and
walk around in it

Harper Lee, To Kill a Mockingbird

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