

The City of Columbia City

In Columbia County on the Columbia River



PARKS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES FEBRUARY 23, 2021 - 6:30 P.M. 1850 SECOND STREET, COLUMBIA CITY, OR 97018

Present:

Katrina Claridge, Committee Chair
Nell Harrison, Committee Member
Jack Hruska, Committee Member
Micah Rogers, Public Works Superintendent
Mike McGlothlin, City Administrator

Chair Claridge called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Review of Five-Year Capital Improvement Program (CIP): In preparation for the upcoming budget cycle the Five-Year CIP was reviewed by the committee. Upon completion of the review it was the consensus of the committee to document changes to the listed projects as noted below within the CIP:

1. **The McBride Creek Trail System Improvements Project:** To be renamed The Rivers Walk Trail System Improvements Project. This project began in the 2020-21 Fiscal Year and is to be completed in the 2021-22 Fiscal Year. Initial scope of work, engineering, site/route walk, survey work, and development of the topographic map has been completed as pre-construction activities. The Public Works Department has also conducted exploratory work for the trails foundation and troubleshooting of difficult areas within the trails proposed route.
2. **Bike Path Refurbishment and Improvements Project:** The Public Works Department has been conducting monitoring of the affected areas along the City's bike paths and makes safety repairs as is needed. This project will carry over into the 2022-23 Fiscal Year budget cycle.
3. **Datis Park Refurbishment and Observation Platform Project:** The City will continue research for grant funding and move the project plans into the 2023-24 and 2024-25 budget years.
4. **Basalt Rock Relocation Project:** This project remains scheduled for the 2023-24 budget year.

Memorial Day Celebration Planning: Due to the ongoing impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, and the associated mandates from the Governor's and Oregon Health Authority Offices, the Memorial Day Service for 2021 has been cancelled.

Other business: The City Administrator provided the committee with updated information that was passed on from Multnomah Chapter DAR Regent, Kelly Wiggins, in regards to the DAR Parks. The DAR is hoping to complete irrigation system improvements as well as replace sod at Ruth Rose Richardson Park in the March – April timeframe. Original design and irrigation plans for both DAR parks were located by Ms. Wiggins and she plans to share copies of these materials with the City.

Public Works Director Micah Rogers updated the committee on the status of stairs/railing at Datis Park, provided an in-depth review of activities taken to date for Phase I of the McBride Creek Trail System Project, and informed the committee on the status of the shade sail installation at Harvard Park that is to take place in March – April of 2021. Micah also provided an overview of work conducted within the City's Veterans Park and plans needed to shore up the earthen bank that is located at the northwest corner of the park.

Nell Harrison also provided an update that eighteen flats of annuals will need to be planted by Mother's Day 2021 and that she will be speaking with the St. Helens Garden Club to see if they can assist with this yearly project.

Next meeting time: April 6, 2021 at 6:30 pm.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.