

# The City of Columbia City

*In Columbia County on the Columbia River*



## **PARKS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES NOVEMBER 6, 2024 - 6:00 P.M. City Hall Council Chambers – 1840 Second Street**

### **Present:**

Karen Shervey, Committee Member  
Jim Wills, Committee Member  
Sally Ann Marson, Committee Member  
Jack Hruska, Committee Member  
Nell Harrison, Committee Member  
Kim Karber, City Administrator

Kim called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

### **Citizen Input**

Kit Gardes was inquiring about the poop issue at the dog park from the newsletter and was wondering what was going to be done. Kim stated the City is looking for ideas, as it seems when the issue gets posted it gets better for a little while, but then it tapers off and Public Works is again having to deal with it while trying to maintain the park. There were suggestions for putting a permanent sign on the picnic bench, putting a suggestion box at the park to get the park users involved and having them help monitor.

Paulette Lichatowich mentioned the issue of vandalism at the porta potty at the library. It is not only used by the people working at the library, but also by folks at the dog park, walkers, delivery drivers, landscaping people, etc. There was the suggestion of hiring a service, besides Hudson, to come and clean the porta potties. Also, a suggestion of looking at getting a modular public restroom, we would need to consider where to put it.

Kit Gardes inquired about the status of Pixie Park. Kim reported we have received the updated deed information from the D.A.R. and it will be going before the council in November.

**Harvard Park:** Parks Committee members visited Harvard Park, and their observations were: Get new play equipment, Public Works is currently keeping an eye on the current equipment to make sure it is safe. Put in some type of parking area, there is a safety concern when cars are parallel parked on the right of way on 6th street that if a kid runs out into the street from between the cars, people might not be able to see them. A drinking fountain would also be a good addition. There is a nice open green space there as well, and it will be good to see what the residents want to see done with it through a survey.

**Other Park updates or reports:** Nell stated that Veteran's Park looks beautiful!

### **Other Business:**

- Delta Kappa Gamma Society reached out and would like to donate a bench for a member that

recently passed away. They would like to have it at Datis, where it faces the river, because she loved watching the river. If it does not work at Datis, then somewhere else with a river view.

MOVED (HRUSKA), AND SECONDED (WILLS), AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE PLACEMENT OF A BENCH IN DATIS OR PIXIE PARK, WHEREVER IT WILL FIT BEST SO YOU CAN VIEW THE RIVER.

- Park Committee members will look at Bundy Park for the next meeting.

**The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, January 14, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.**

**The meeting was adjourned at 6:42 p.m.**