The City of Columbia City

In Columbia County on the Columbia River

PARKS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2026 - 6:00 P.M.
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 1840 SECOND STREET

Present:
Lyle Bluhm, Committee Chair
Sally Ann Marson, Committee Member
Nell Harrison, Committee Member
Jim Wills, Committee Member
Kim Karber, City Administrator

Absent:
Jack Hruska, Committee Member
Katrina Claridge, Committee Member
Karen Shervey, Committee Member
Micah Rogers, Public Works Superintendent

Chair Bluhm called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

- **Park Updates**
  - The Columbia County work crew is done helping for this year since the growing season has slowed.
  - Pixie Park – The entry pilings to the park have been resecured, the next steps will be fabricating caps for the two upright pilings to prevent further rot and redo the sign between them referencing the donation from the DAR. Kim will reach out to the DAR to see which Chapter of the DAR they want noted. The Calkins family is ordering a memorial bench, once it is received, the City will work on getting it placed.
  - Carolyn King Park – The current volunteer taking care of the park will do it through the end of the year. Any suggestions for a possible replacement would be appreciated.
  - Harvard Park – The City is on the grant recommendation list that will go before the Oregon Park and Recreation Department Commission at their November meeting for final review and approval. We will receive notification after the meeting on their decision.

- **Other Business**
  - St. Helens Garden Club President, Amy, introduced herself and the other members that were in attendance. She talked about the history of the club's volunteer work at Veteran's Park, and that they want to continue it, but the group isn't able to do what it used to, so she wanted to discuss the responsibilities and what it will look like going forward. Kim explained that all parks are the city's responsibility to maintain but that any volunteer help with maintenance is greatly appreciated due to limited staff. She provided Amy with public works superintendent Micah's information as the point of contact for any questions and project coordination.

The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, February 9, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

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