

CITY OF COOS BAY
PARKS COMMISSION MINUTES
APRIL 18, 2019
4:00PM

Members Present: Christine Coles, Chair; Ariann Lyons, Vice-Chair;
Bev Meyers, Patty Scott and Sam Crowley

Members Absent: Carmen Matthews, Bill Otton and Shaun Gibbs

Staff Present: Operations Administrator, Randy Dixon and Pam Patton

Guests Present:

Location: Mingus Park

1. CALL TO ORDER: 4:00pm / ROLL CALL / APPROVAL OF MINUTES: March 21st

Christine asked for a motion to approve the minutes.

MOTION: Ariann motioned to approve Minutes of March 21st

DISCUSSION:

SECOND: Patty

VOTE: Ayes were unanimous. Motion carried. Minutes accepted as written

2. NEW BUSINESS

- Ballfields at Empire Lakes next to the National Guard. Randy mentioned that there was a very active group in our community with interest in bringing in a ballfield complex. As shown (concept only), access is Norman Ave. Randy presented the ballfield's placement for reference purposes only. The ballfields of this nature require at least 40 acres. Considered as multi-model to reach more than baseball and allowing to share cost. Benefit to giving the community capabilities to tournament bidding which would open other avenues. There will be more news maybe within a month. Discussion among the commission was positive with the exception of it going into Empire Lakes/John Topits Park.
- City of Coos Bay (TSP) Bike/Ped Mobility – The key to the bike/ped mobility is the Transportation Systems Plan (TSP). The width of a road and path determines availability. Bike/Ped Mobility allows connections to all municipalities; medical etc., re: Hwy 101 to Central to Ocean. Christine reminded the commission to take another look at the project “public spaces” by Fred Kent. “Great public spaces are accessible to people, engage the public with activities, are comfortable, project a good image and foster a sense of community.”

3. OLD BUSINESS

- Update – “Bridges to Nowhere” – Funding/attention has been a challenge. Soil analysis to begin next month. SHN Consulting Engineering will do the analysis and ZCS will follow in a couple of months to do the design of abutments. A letter from SWOCC permitting SHN to dig for soil samples. Randy will prepare the grant and ready for Spring of 2020. One application for both bridges. Randy stated that he needed to address the SWOCC Bridge for the purpose of public safety. He will see what is available to secure for now. If nothing, the bridge will need to be dismantled.

- 49 • Mingus Pond Restoration – Contract is being finalized for ZCS to begin design. They will
50 investigate the environmental cleaning above stream near the tennis courts. By design
51 improve environmentally the water when it enters the stream and pond(s).
- 52 • Key Club Response to Pirate Park Letter - Formal letter was sent to the MHS Key
53 Club/Stacy Gulseth addressing their email sent February 14, 2019. Stacy responded to the
54 letter by email dated 4/5/19. Randy explained once again that they are being persistent but
55 they fail to abide by the Parks Master Plan and the definition of a neighborhood park. (see
56 attached email of 4/5/19)
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58 **4. COMMISSIONERS CLOSING COMMENTS**

59 Bev liked seeing things mowed

60 Ariann is excited about making traction with council and with funding seeing it listed as one of
61 council's priorities.

62 Christine commented on the fence along her property and public walkway. The fence the city put
63 in is bowing Randy will take a look after the meeting.

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65 **5. STAFF CLOSING COMMENTS**
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68 **ADJOURNMENT**

69 **There being no further business to come before the Parks Commission, by**
70 **consensus of the Parks Commission, Christine adjourned the meeting at 5:00 p.m.**
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72 Respectfully Submitted
73 Pamela Patton,
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75 **APPROVED BY THE PARKS COMMISSION ON THE 16 DAY OF May 2019.**

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80 Pamela Patton, Staff



Christine Coles, Chair or Ariann Lyons, Vice Chair