

CITY OF COOS BAY
PARKS COMMISSION MINUTES OF
SEPTEMBER 20, 2018
4:00PM

Members Present: Christine Coles, Chair; Ariann Lyons, Vice-Chair; Bev Meyers, Bill Otton; Carmen Matthews; Patty Scott and Shaun Gibbs

Staff Present: Operations Administrator, Randy Dixon and Pam Patton

Guests Present: MHS Key Club members, Sophia Munoz and Kyah Brueckner with their advisor, Stacy Gulseth. Power Point presentation

Location: CITY HALL

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL / APPROVAL OF MINUTES: June 21st

The Chair asked for a motion to accept the minutes.

MOTION: Carmen motioned to accept the minutes of June 21st as written.

DISCUSSION:

SECOND: Ariann

VOTE: Ayes were unanimous. Motion carried

2. NEW BUSINESS

- Randy Dixon gave a brief opening and Christine welcomed our guests and invited them to speak. Handouts were presented as the power point failed to operate with the City's equipment. Sophia Munoz introduced herself as president of the Marshfield Key Club and to her side was Kyah Brueckner, vice president. Stacy Gulseth introduced herself as the MHS Key Club advisor. Sophia read a brief history of the rehabilitation of the South 10th Street Park, the project the Key Club spearheaded. The timeframe was October 2016 to the ribbon cutting May 2018 and newly re-named, "Marshfield Key Club Pirate Park." This rehabilitation was considered Phase 1 – "Playground Zone."

Sophia then introduced Phase II – "Creating a Small Fitness Zone." From the handout, Sophia read the classification of the Pirate Park from our Parks Master Plan, pg. 24. "The park is considered as Active-Oriented. The types of facilities and amenities offered in each active-oriented park depend upon size and the scale of the park. Parks with more amenities typically require more support facilities, as well such as restroom and parking." The club conducted a survey to explore the community's perception on outdoor fitness equipment in Pirate Park. The survey was given to 70 random people from the community. It consisted of 8 questions inquiring from usage to opinions and suggestions.

The Marshfield Key Club is proposing the addition of two (2) pieces of fitness equipment, both of which are ADA accessible. The total quoted price for both is \$9,190. They would like to locate the equipment near the horseshoe pits on the east side of the park. They hope to achieve this undertaking through grants, community donations/sponsorships' and fundraisers.

43 Also, the MHS Key Club would like to create an “Entertainment Zone.” They would like
44 to purchase two (2) outdoor checkerboard inserted game tables. One table will seat four
45 and one will be ADA accessible seating three. Cost was quoted \$2,282 with hopes to be
46 located on the south end of the play area. This too will be funded with grants, community
47 sponsorship and fundraising.

48 Sophia encouraged the Commission to think outside the box and allow Pirate Park to set
49 the trend and introduce outdoor fitness equipment no matter what size or classification

50 Christine thanked them for coming and complimented them on their presentation.

51 Randy gave a brief definition of types of parks from the Parks Action Master Plan and the
52 classifications which had already been identified. The plan which was adopted in 2013 has
53 followed the National Parks & Recreation Standards and follow that footprint. Stacy
54 Gulseth gave her input in support of MHS Key Club and their endeavors. She stated that
55 the plan was adopted in 2013 and the trends have changed, as well as, generations, a
56 younger group of generations that like the flexibility and not having restrictions to open
57 unique opportunities. Randy did bring up that parks have reasons for restrictions. There
58 are risks that must be managed. Stacy felt that the classification didn’t need to change
59 because they feel it fits in the definition of active oriented.

60 The Commission asked for time to think over their proposal. Stacy asked for a timeline
61 when they might hear from the commission. Randy mentioned that perhaps by Monday.
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63 **4. COMMISSIONERS CLOSING COMMENTS**

64 It was asked about doing revisions to the Parks Action Master Plan? If we revise the
65 classifications, could that hinder us when going out for the larger grants? What about
66 liability, who’s watching the kids? More time to think this out before they are able to make
67 a conclusion.

68 Randy gave an update on the Bridge to Nowhere. SHN Consulting to do soil testing.
69 Perhaps they would like to give to the community and do pro bono. Maybe ZCS could do
70 the same for the bulkhead. Randy Thompson will be willing to do fundraiser.

71 There was mentioned about the City bringing back SDC’s. Make sure to include Parks in
72 the SDC’s distribution of revenue.

73 The pond will be able to be drained next year. Put in a channel to drain off the water and
74 get a piece of equipment in there to clean it out and then turn around and use the material
75 as backfill. Much cheaper rather than pumping the water out.

76 It was mentioned that there was a family that would like to volunteer along with many
77 friends (ball team) to help clean up Empire Lakes. Randy will check on the age range for
78 volunteers.

79 Christine announced that next month will be the 3rd annual fundraiser for Talent Search
80 Upward Bound programs at the college. The Ghost Tour will be on the 13th in North Bend
81 and 19th for Coos Bay.
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5. ADJOURNMENT

**There being no further business to come before the Parks Commission, by
consensus of the Parks Commission, Christine adjourned the meeting at 5:15 p.m.**

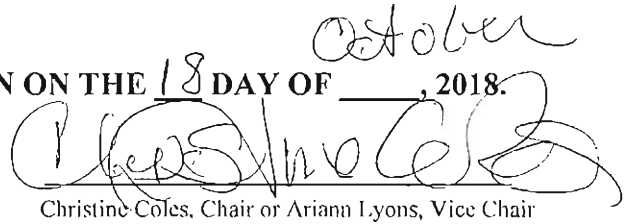
Respectfully Submitted,
Pamela Patton,

APPROVED BY THE PARKS COMMISSION ON THE 18 DAY OF October, 2018.

Attest:



Pamela Patton, Staff


Christine Coles, Chair or Ariann Lyons, Vice Chair