

1 CITY OF COOS BAY
2 PARKS COMMISSION MINUTES
3 SPECIAL MEETING with
4 Stacy Gulseth, advisor to MHS Key Club
5 November 1, 2018
6 4:00PM
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8 **Members Present:** Christine Coles, Chair; Ariann Lyons, Vice-Chair; Bev Meyers,
9 Bill Otton; Carmen Matthews

10 **Members Absent:** Patty Scott and Shaun Gibbs

11 **Staff Present:** Operations Administrator, Randy Dixon and Pam Patton

12 **Location:** CITY HALL
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14 **A CALL TO ORDER: 4:00 p.m.**

15 Christine opened the meeting by reiterating from the Parks Action Master Plan's classification of
16 an Active-Oriented park. This classification is mirrored from the National Parks and Recreation
17 guide.

18 Christine presented a handout to everyone. The handout was comprised of several examples of
19 obstacle-course equipment that fit the classification. The commission felt this would meet a happy
20 medium as a compromise to the proposed fitness equipment. All City parks must work under
21 certain parameters per classification and straying from those guidelines could jeopardize the City
22 in obtaining grants. The City relies heavily on grants.

23 Stacy asked if she could comment? She stated that the club has reviewed it and they have all
24 discussed and their opinion was this was just another kid area. Stacy thought it looked like a
25 monkey bar set. The Key Club wouldn't consider this proposal. Stacy stated that she felt very
26 disappointed. This equipment was something that you had to engage with rather than equipment
27 that you sit down on with moveable parts. Stacy got to the point by stating that "we built a kid park
28 for the 2yrs to 10yrs of age, we picked a park and did it. We've put a lot of money in this park
29 and we all did a very good job. We want to see the fitness equipment as it partners nicely with the
30 horseshoe pit." Develop a recreational zone.

31 Stacy went on to say our parks are very poor. We have very sad parks. The parks plan asks for
32 community involvement but the City puts up walls. There is no outside-the-box thinking. You
33 are not giving it a chance. She hears comments on the great job but they would not want to work
34 with the parks or the City. Stacy thought the classifications were too vague.

35 Carmen stated we needed to find common ground and why don't you want to work within the
36 parameters. The commission felt that the club was great and complemented them on their drive
37 and passion. He brought up the idea Ariann came up with was to build a connectivity app for the
38 community. An app that would show trails, walking paths and could show Prefontaine's training
39 routes. A great idea that could continually be updated by showing added features.

40 Both Ariann and Bev wanted them to look beyond the MHS Key Club Pirate Park. There were
41 many areas and appropriate parks to do the fitness equipment. We all have to work under rules,
42 even national guidelines.

43 Stacy went on to ask questions regarding the finishing touches to the park: Geocaching; Biba
44 signage (mobile app to download). Lighting since grant from Reese Electric. Randy held back
45 until a decision was given to proceed. Randy told staff to contact Reese Electric. Grant monies
46 allowed for one light. Stacy inquired about way finding signage. Randy answered no for
47 neighborhood parks. You don't identify neighborhood parks within the plan. There are signs on
48 site to identify the individual park. Stacy inquired about a fenced doggie area to poop and pee only.
49 Randy said no to the fenced dog area. He did state that there was a dog station in the park.

50 Stacy said that she was bringing up a sore subject and that was parking. She brought up the fact
51 there were two neighbors who offered to give property that abuts the right-a-way that would
52 provide space for parking. Randy had to remind Stacy that there was 22ft of ROW before getting
53 to the park property. The object is to keep property on the tax rolls. The plan did provide two
54 ADA parking places. Again, this is a neighborhood park that you would walk to or use street
55 parking.

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57 **DISCUSSION - COMMISSIONERS CLOSING COMMENTS**

58 The discussion among the commission was quite involved and extensive. **(audio recording**
59 **attached)**

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61 **MOTION:** Carmen motioned to accept the obstacle course style equipment into a
62 neighborhood park as it conforms to the Parks Action Master Plan that has
63 been adopted by Parks and City Council, and in accordance to the National
64 Parks & Recreation bench park.

65 **DISCUSSION:**

66 **SECOND:** Christine

67 **VOTE:** Ayes were unanimous. Motion carried
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70 **ADJOURNMENT**

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72 **There being no further business to come before the Parks Commission, by**
73 **consensus of the Parks Commission, Christine adjourned the meeting at 5:10 p.m.**

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75 Respectfully Submitted
76 Pamela Patton,

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78 **APPROVED BY THE PARKS COMMISSION ON THE ³¹ DAY OF ^{January}, 2019.**

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83 Pamela Patton, Staff


Christine Coles, Chair or Ariann Lyons, Vice Chair