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2 CITY OF COOS BAY
3 PARKS COMMISSION MINUTES OF
4 April 20, 2017

5 **Members Present:** Chair, Christine Coles, Ariann Lyons, Bev Meyers,
6 Ralph Mohr and Shaun Gibbs
7 **Members Absent:** Bill Otton, Patty Scott
8 **Staff Present:** Operations Administrator, Randy Dixon and Pam Patton
9 **Guests Present:**
10 **Location:** S 10th Street Park (audio recording was poor)
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13 **1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL / APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

14 Christine asked for a motion to approve the February 16th minutes.

15 **MOTION:** Ralph motioned to accept the February 16th minutes as written

16 **DISCUSSION:**

17 **SECOND:** Ariann

18 **VOTE:** Ayes. Vote was unanimous and motion carried.
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20 **2. NEW BUSINESS**

21 1. Skateboard Park Enhancements is part of the Parks Master Plan. The owner of the Time
22 Bomb has reached out and volunteered to do the fundraising. Randy will have a line item
23 opened in accounting to allow donations to be received at City Hall.

24 There is a parking issue. Move parking to 8th Terrace was discussed. Re-do curb line by
25 moving it out about 20 feet at the corner of N 8th and 8th Terrace opening up for an ADA
26 entrance with a zig-zag stairway. This will offer better security for access with bikes.

27 Randy shared some of the changes to enhance the skateboard park. The tennis courts will be
28 relocated. The ball field will be redesigned as the skateboard park will be expanding by adding
29 Tax Lots #5700. The skateboard park will then be fenced and horse shoe pits will be added.
30 The basketball courts will be improved.
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32 **MOTION:** Christine motioned that we support the plan and move forward with a consultant
33 for design. And very appreciative that Libby will be doing the fundraising.

34 **DISCUSSION:**

35 **SECOND:** Shaun

36 **VOTE:** Ayes. Vote was unanimous and motion carried.
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38 **3. OLD BUSINESS**

39 1. S 10th Street Park / MHS Key Club Project. We all met on-site. The work has begun. Last
40 Saturday at the north end of the park on Johnson Avenue, an abutting neighbor had no problem
41 with the Key Club members, with supervision, fall selected trees and doing the scrubbing of
42 vegetation. They will also buck up the trees for firewood. They established the fence lines and
43 will have to do some excavation because of a drainage problem. They would like to do a
44 decorative wall on the east side. The old playground equipment has to come down and new
45 equipment will be ordered as funds allow. The abutting neighbor on S 10th is on board with the
46 revitalization to the park. They usually are the security alerts.
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49 2. Randy gave an update of Old Wireless property. Since the land acquisition is completed,
50 Randy gave the commission some ideas on developing a recreational space. First, it needs to
51 be presented at a council work session so council would be in favor of opening the area for a
52 bike and trails system and with the Englewood Dike being incorporated, it would allow people
53 to cross over for fishing etc. We would build a restroom facility and further develop the area
54 to launch kayaks and boats. With these enhancements, the Oregon Department of Fish and
55 Wildlife (ODF&W) was both pleased and excited in the plan. They were favorable that we
56 would qualify for the grant but that is all decided at the state level. The grant has 100 percent
57 funding. The city would not have the burden with matching funds.

58 3. An update on the Mingus Pool Rehabilitation. The RFP will be closing on May 10th. The
59 bids will be for the mechanical system and pool resurfacing. Randy had spoken with a few
60 pool people in Eugene area that might be interested in bidding. If the city doesn't get some
61 good bids, Randy would step in as the general contractor and sub-contract with Chambers
62 Plumbing & Heat and Johnson Rock and do it inhouse. The work will start August 7th with
63 completion by October 15th.

64 4. The work at John Topits park is underway for the fitness equipment. The rough-in has been
65 done along with the flat work. They will do some excavation and curbing. The playground
66 equipment is to be removed. Almost there. Still looking at the fall protection material.
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68 5. COMMISSIONERS CLOSING COMMENTS –

69 Ariann mentioned that Powers had their ribbon cutting for their playground. It turned
70 out awesome. The funding was by the Ford foundation

71 Christine inquired about the dredging at Mingus Park lake/pond. Randy said that the funding
72 has to come from grants as there is little capital in the budget for this. The city is involved in
73 the process of the environmental review. Time frame is 9 months. And then going for the
74 grant.

75 Bev asked when they would replenish the fish? Randy thought it was typically done in May.
76 She also said that there was an abundance of fishing line found.

77 Randy reminded everyone that it was Arbor Day April 28th. They will be out in Empire and
78 there are 10 trees to be planted. They'll be getting started around 10am.

79 Randy also mentioned that it was decided that the city would be doing the clean-up about
80 every 90 days at the homeless camps.
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82 6. ADJOURNMENT

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84 **There being no further business to come before the Parks Commission, by**
85 **consensus of the Parks Commission, Bill adjourned the meeting at 5:00 p.m.**
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87 Respectfully Submitted,
88 Pamela Patton,
89 Public Works
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91 **APPROVED BY THE PARKS COMMISSION ON THE 15 DAY OF June, 2017.**

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Christine Coles, Chair

Attest:


Pamela Patton, Staff