CITY OF COOS BAY
PARKS COMMISSION MINUTES OF
February 19, 2015

Members Present: Chair, Christine Coles; Ariann Lyons, Carmen Matthews
Bev Meyers, Ralph Mohr and Bill Otton
Members Absent: Tom Leahy and Patty Scott
Staff Present: Randy Dixon, Operations Administrator, Pam Patton
Guests Present: N/A
Location: City Hall Conference Room
Coos Bay City Hall – 500 Central Avenue

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL / APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Christine Coles called the meeting to order at 4:00pm and asked for a motion to approve the December 11, 2014 minutes. Minutes for October 16 are pending.

Motioned: Ariann motion to accept the minutes of December 11th as read
Seconded: Bill
Vote: Aye, Unanimous. Minutes approved as read.

CITIZEN INPUT / PUBLIC COMMENT – N/A

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – UPDATES:

- Geese in Mingus Park – OPRD has been contacted to find information on the removal of waterfowl. They do not handle but would forward to someone to research and have them contact direct. Before Randy makes a proposal to council, he wanted information from both the State and Federal Level. With the commission asking to establish policy, accepting some waterfowl and promoting habitat, the city could be opening the door to liability and consenting to management of the waterfowl. Randy asked that it be placed on the next scheduled agenda.
- Don Hynes and his proposed gift of one (1) piece of adult fitness equipment. His endeavor for raising funds has been unsuccessful. Since we were seeking funds to purchase several pieces, Randy asked that rather than removing this proposal it would be better to place it "On Hold" and we could revisit at a later time.
- The license for the Marshfield Pioneer Cemetery has been submitted to the State Mortuary and Cemetery Board.

NEW BUSINESS –

Christine welcomed newly appointed Ralph Mohr for the term of 2015 – 2018 and to Thomas Leahy, councilman, who was unable to attend this meeting.

PROJECT UPDATES –

Mingus Park Pool – Randy has completed the rehabilitation grant. Application has made it to the 2nd round of the process. It will close April 20th and review will be in June 2015. Funding is to rehab the mechanical, pool, electrical, chemical injection, surface issues around the deck.

Mingus Park –

Land Water Corporation Foundation ("LWCF") is a 40/60 match grant. This grant closes in August 2015. Because of the serious drainage issues due to elevation, which is the lower part of the park located at the southeast corner and the most utilized portion of the park, it will be best to concentrate on the 1st phase of the project. The Area needs to be elevated by approximately 2 feet. Cost will be in the range of $200,000 to $300,000. New concrete, decorative block retainage wall with a new restroom-pavilion area will be put into place. Some funding can be in-kind dollars to do the match. We have good partners in the community who like to do a lot of work and we can foster out some of the labor and the city has equipment so we are able to use FEMA rates to hold down some of the cost. This portion of the park, Phase 1, will be all we can handle currently. At that point, we need to decide to turn our focus on the pond or the sports complex with the remaining asset. He'll bring back and then we can foster the direction for 2016. Drainage will be an issue for not only the parking area but for the sports complex field.

City Docks -

ODFW grant, through their parks and recreation programs, starts in May but they haven't released the schedule of where we fall in appropriation of funds. This will be utilized for infrastructure only. That will include the **flag poles and lights** at the boardwalk, as well as, Central Avenue. This will use URA funds. The docks site plan of 2002 is outdated so it will need to go back to Civil West to be refreshed to include restrooms, extending the docks. DSL can expand lease but we need to determine the space. **Entryway to the boardwalk** has erosion problems with the use of paving stones. We're looking to excavate down to the bulkhead to rehab the wall. Randy will be working with DEQ, DSL and the Core in the permit process. Boards used are a major maintenance issue. He would like to use plated concrete, looks like boards but is concrete. Renderings are in the process for the buildings rehab. If the pavilion is totally enclosed then we will need to look at adding a restroom facility. Concerning grants, this is critical to be made clear the need if business related or recreational when doing infrastructure and the use of taxpayer dollars. Signage/information will be revisited, since the adoption of the master plan. The grant will cover all infrastructures and then he will write another grant perhaps to include the use of waypoints giving points of historical nature. A different form of grant to fund this portion on its own might be in the use of an art grant. **Tug Irene** has been a topic for relocation and the possibility of doing an exchange with the Coos County Historic Maritime Museum. They have at their North Bend location a steam donkey that we might like to display there on the boardwalk.

Friends of the Boardwalk's involvement is mainly connectivity to our existing system here to North Bend. The transition is from the end of our docks north into North Bend and what it takes to secure those property sites. Our current project, Hwy 101 and Bayshore Sidewalks has aided this connectivity. He is looking at the re-development connectivity to carry sidewalks and some greenscape design, which is in draft form only, from the city limits, both north and south.

There has been a lot of debate regarding the **Dog Park.** The Council prefers not to move forward at this time. The city has failing infrastructure to address before adding a new project. They are not taking the Dog Park off the schedule but move it to be one of the last.

COMMISSIONERS CLOSING COMMENTS –

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Parks Commission, by consensus of the Parks Commission, Chair adjourned the meeting at 5:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pamela Patton,
Public Works and Development

APPROVED BY THE PARKS COMMISSION ON THE 30th DAY OF April, 2015.

Christine Coles, Chair

Attest:

Pamela Patton, Staff