

CITY OF COOS BAY
PARKS COMMISSION MINUTES OF
September 10, 2015

Members Present: Chair, Christine Coles; Thomas Leahy, Ariann Lyons,
Carmen Matthews, Bev Meyers, Ralph Mohr,
Bill Otton and Patty Scott

Members Absent: none

Staff Present: Randy Dixon, Operations Administrator, Pam Patton

Guests Present: Devan Patel, World Newspaper

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 12:00pm. Minutes of August 20th were not available to approve.

NEW BUSINESS –

Today's guests were to be Mike Gray, a wildlife biologist with ODF&W and Captain Chris Chapanar. They were unable to attend do to unforeseen circumstances. Randy will get them rescheduled for another time. Randy stepped in and briefly covered the topic of information they were going to present.

The signage posted on the Boardwalk regarding casting and fishing gear because too many moored boats were getting damaged and the trespassing occurring to retrieve their line and gear is non-enforceable by the Sheriff and/or Marine Patrol. We, as a municipality, cannot regulate fishing. Only signs that are posted by ODF&W are enforceable actions. ODF&W is very pleased and supportive of our methodology and is considering drafting a house bill, as other municipalities are having the same issues. The process could take as long as a year and a half. In previous discussions, the parks commission wanted to see the fishermen moved south 100 feet from the boats to discourage any further damage and problems.

Our police department is having a difficult time trying to deal with the many issues arising on the docks and with the moored boats and trespassing. In the course of a day, they may take up to 18 calls, not all being fishing related, that are not always enforceable for various reasons, trespassing being a difficult one unless the owner is on the boat at the time it occurs or the owner has registered with the police department, which would give the Harbormaster the ability to call the police for enforcement. The individual boat owners must fill out a form with the police department for No Trespassing and have it on file, giving the police department the capability of enforcement. It would be nice to see the form given out to a new applicant mooring a boat at the City Docks.

A suggested option is to proceed with the Parks Master Plan and build a fishing pier as a possible solution. We are looking to resolve these issues in a positive way but we just aren't there as yet. Randy mentioned that he was trying to calm the atmosphere at the boardwalk and it was mentioned that there were several posts on Facebook. Christine visited with Doug Woolsey, Downtown Association, and they were not pleased with the signs.

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Ed Lund Building –

54 A few weeks ago, the Ed Lund Building suffered an arson fire burnt close to 45 percent of the
55 building even though it being a concrete building. Sadly, a new roof had been done recently. All
56 of the ceiling and electrical is toast. Trusses were damaged as well. Cost of damage is estimated
57 to be \$42,000 to a \$130,000 building. The City has a \$1,000 deductible and currently securing
58 Willamette Valley Restoration to begin work. The City is having a temporary office put in place
59 so PEG Broadcasting can continue working. They suffered extensive damage to their
60 electronics.

61 **Announcements**

62 Randy has scheduled public notices to air on KCBY TV for both the Mingus Park Pool Rehab
63 work to begin, as well as, the Empire Blvd Project that is moving forward into the construction
64 phase.

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66 **OLD BUSINESS/UPDATES –**

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68 Finalizing the Boardwalk/City Docks Master Plan Committee - Christine will contact the
69 Downtown Association and Brooke Whalton with the Oregon International Port of Coos Bay.
70 Carmen contacted Sam Swartz, who is a resident on his boat moored at the docks, and he is
71 willing to sit on the committee. To date, we have Christine Coles; Carmen Matthews; Ariann
72 Lyons; Bev Meyers; Tom Leahy and Brian Menten. Randy will be putting together a schedule
73 of meeting dates and times. There will be a community survey coming out sometime in
74 November providing opportunity for public input.

75 Randy and Christine will be attending a Downtown Association meeting September 21st at 11:30
76 at the VIC.

77 Randy gave an update on the grants for the Parks Master Plan enhancement projects. The one
78 submitted for the Empire Lakes bridges, we should be hearing something around the end of
79 September. He has put in a preliminary request to ODF&W. He's looking at grants for the
80 sports complex and playground.

81 Randy mentioned the theme of the rail fence used at the Boardwalk will also be incorporated into
82 the streetscapes at the north and south entries into Coos Bay.

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84 **COMMISSIONERS CLOSING COMMENTS –**

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86 Ralph had a question regarding the Marshfield Sun Building Museum. He has a meeting with
87 the association on September 30th and he is looking for grants to provide the means to purchase
88 an electronic sign(s) as they are in such a place that current sign is stagnant. It was mentioned
89 that the location may be within the Waterfront Historical District and the use of electronic
90 signage may be prohibited. Randy suggested waiting to see where the streetscape project goes
91 that might provide another choice.

92 Randy did add that ODOT wants to discourage the hanging of banners over the highway. They
93 will not issue for other locations for the banner poles and will not allow work in the ROW unless
94 we go with the engineered poles like those used in North Bend. The cost of one pole would be
95 estimated to be \$25,000.

96 Ralph also brought up that one of the Canadian geese at Mingus Park he thought was blind and
97 the partner has become overly protective and defensive. Randy advised that all information
98 regarding wild waterfowl should go through the jurisdiction of ODF&W.

99 Bev did say there is still some vandalism occurring but the camera has not been able to capture a
100 picture as yet. The camera is monitored every three days. Code Enforcement goes out and
101 downloads the camera onto a laptop.

102 Christine gave kudos to Rex Miller for all the time, effort and his professional guidance that he
103 has given to the City for so many years.

104 Ralph brought attention to Carmen who will be participating in a jousting match in the bay at the
105 Boardwalk. Carmen announced that it was "Stand Up For the Bay," a special event on Saturday,
106 September 26th starting at 9am. There will be music, a luau and the jousting will begin around
107 1pm. He hoped everyone would come out and support the event.

108 BAFF will be the weekend of September 19-20th.

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110 **ADJOURNMENT**

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112 **There being no further business to come before the Parks Commission, by**
113 **consensus of the Parks Commission, Chair adjourned the meeting at 1:20pm.**

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115 Respectfully Submitted,

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117 Pamela Patton,

118 Public Works Department

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120 **APPROVED BY THE PARKS COMMISSION ON THE 15 DAY OF 10, 2015**

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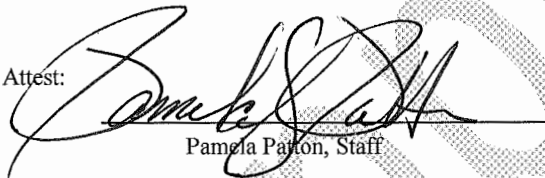
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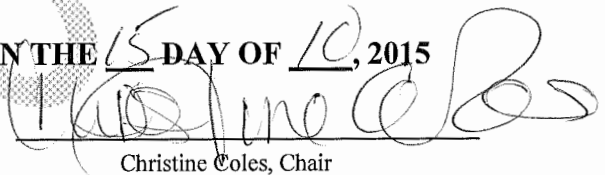
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Attest:



Pamela Patton, Staff



Christine Coles, Chair

