

## MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDING OF THE PARKS COMMISSION

JULY 15, 2021

The minutes of the proceedings of a regular meeting of the Parks Commission of the City of Coos Bay, Coos County, Oregon, held at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 500 Central Avenue, Coos Bay, Oregon.

### Roll Call

Those present were City Staff, Greg Hamlet and Kelli Burnette; Commissioners CoCo Sutton, Bill Otton, Carmen Matthews, and Ariann Lyons. Also present, attending in person, were guests Andrea Sharman and Tristen Reasor.

### Approval of the April 15, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Approval of the April 15, 2021 meeting minutes was tabled due to lack of a quorum.

### Citizen Input (not related to agenda items)

*Andrea Sharman, North Bend Resident*, came forward and stated she has been very involved in the development of the disc golf course in North Bend and believes Empire Lakes would be a great location to establish a disc golf course in Coos Bay. Andrea left a pamphlet regarding disc golf course development options which will be distributed to the Commission after the meeting.

Chair Lyons stated this is something that can be looked at as the Commission prepares a master plan for Empire Lakes.

### FY2021/2022 Council Goal – Parks

Carolyn Johnson, Community Development Administrator, introduced herself and explained that she will be working on park and recreation related grants for the City and working with the Commission on updating the master plan.

A discussion commenced regarding ballpark development, the potential donor, and the fact that the City Manager has been contacted by a youth softball program representative that would like to be involved in regard to usage and fundraising.

It was noted that updating the Master Plan will take quite a bit of time and required works sessions.

### Skatepark Usership

Greg Hamlet, Operations Administrator, explained Staff needs more time to complete a new risk assessment as recommended by the City's insurance agent.

A discussion commenced regarding mixed use and the size of the current skateboard park.

Tristen Reasor, Volunteer, 91516 Dolezal Lane, Coos Bay, came forward and provided a brief history of the skateboard park. Mr. Reasor stated the skateboard park has 9,000 square feet of concrete, would like to obtain land use approval to expand the skateboard park into the tennis court which is 7,000 square feet, and then work with a professional skateboard park design team to design a new park that would accommodate skateboard, BMX and scooters. Mr. Reasor stated the current space can be shared even though it's not designed for it and it is his recommendation to expand and repair the park.

A discussion commenced regarding additional signage a recommended by the insurance agent, the fact that a previous assessment was completed that stated mix use could be allowed but that it was not recommended. Staff Member Hamlet explained signs, recreational immunity, etc., would be discussed

as part of the risk assessment that still needs to be completed. It was noted the existing signage is adequate for the park to reopen this month.

Tristen Reasor, Volunteer, 91516 Dolezal Lane, Coos Bay, came forward and stated the easiest way to expand the park is take over the tennis court, that he has been at the skateboard party almost every day for the last 10 months, and estimates the number of tennis court users to be 4 to 6 people per month and the skateboard park averages 20 to 30 users per day.

Chair Lyons stated a crucial piece in updating the master plan is looking at all of the City's assets, obtaining input from citizen, looking at what improvements would best for the citizens.

**Staff/Commissioner Closing Comments**

Commissioner Sutton asked about using the metrics model for updating the master plan. Staff Member Burnette explained it's a program that asks specific questions about the community and will generate a report as to what that community needs, which can be used as base in developing a master plan.

Commissioner Matthews asked about weed control for the Mingus Park Pond. Staff Member Hossley explained in the past Rex Miller has provided regular maintenance, but that it hasn't been done recently like due to the anticipation of the dredging project.

Commissioner Matthews also asked about the status of the basketball hoop. Staff Member Hamblet explained the hoop has been ordered and will be installed when it arrives.

Commissioner Matthews stated more information is needed in order to evaluated mixed use for the skateboard park. A discussion commenced that some of the coping damage at the skateboard park is related to settling, but the use of BMX and scooters also played a part in the damage.

Chair Lyons commented that she is a bid proponent of master planning and believes the Commission needs to look at the city's assets and make sure they are used in a way that benefits our community.

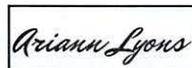
**Adjourn**

There being no further business to come before the Parks Commission, by consensus of the Parks Commission, Chair Lyons adjourned the meeting at 4:50 p.m.

**APPROVED BY THE PARKS COMMISSION ON THE 16<sup>th</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2021.**

Attest:

  
Kelli Burnette, Staff



Ariann Lyons, Chair

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