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**COOS BAY
PARKS COMMISSION MINUTES
AUGUST 20, 2020**

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.

Those Attending

Those present were City Staff, Randy Dixon, Operations Administrator, and Kelli Burnette. Attending remotely by teleconference were Commissioners Ariann Lyons, Bill Davis, and Bill Otton, and Sam Crawley. Also attending remotely by teleconference was Sami Pierson, Library Director.

It was noted a quorum was not present.

Approval of the January 16, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Approval of the January 16, 2020, minutes was tabled to a later time for lack of a quorum.

Approval of the February 27, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Approval of the February 27, 2020, minutes was tabled to a later time for lack of a quorum.

Citizen Input

There was none.

Story Walk in the Park

Library Director, Sami Pierson discussed the Coos Bay Public Library's request to establish "Story Walk in the Park" in Mingus Park to encourage physical and literacy activity for community members in the park environment.

Staff Member Dixon and Ms. Pierson discussed maintenance of the kiosks. Ms. Pierson explained they are not requesting Parks Staff to maintain the kiosks and that maintenance would be done by Library Staff.

Chair Lyons and Ms. Pierson discussed how often the books would be updated. Ms. Pierson advised they would be updated at least quarterly.

Commissioners Sean Gibbs, Beverly Meyers, and Carmen Matthews joined the meeting remotely via teleconferencing. It was noted a quorum was now present.

Commissioner Matthews moved and Commissioner Davis seconded the motion to approve the Story Walk in the Park. Chair Lyons asked if there were any objections. There were none. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Staff Member Dixon advised Ms. Pierson that he will present the Parks Commission recommendation to City Council for approval.

Commissioner Davis asked about placement during and after the dredging of the pond. It was noted the kiosks could easily be relocated.

87 The Consensus of the Commission was to recommend as option A the property behind Cascade
88 Farm and Outdoor and as option B the property near Anderson Avenue to City Council for
89 potential park development.

90 **Approval of the January 16, 2020 Meeting Minutes**

91 Chair Lyons called for a motion to approve the Minutes.

92 *Commissioner Matthews moved and Commissioner Crawley seconded the motion to approve the*
93 *January 16, 2020 minutes as presented. Motion carried by unanimous vote.*

94 **Approval of the February 27, 2020 Meeting Minutes**

95 Chair Lyons called for a motion to approve the minutes.

96 *Commissioner Matthews moved and Commissioner Crawley seconded the motion to approve the*
97 *February 27, 2020 minutes as presented. Motion carried by unanimous vote.*

98 **Commissioner Closing Comments**

99 Commissioner Matthews stated he is sad to see the dangerous tree in Mingus Park removed, but
100 understands, and praised the City Parks crew for their hard work as well as Kathy at the pool for
101 doing such a great job managing the pool, schedules and swim lessons.

102 Chair Lyons also completed the Parks crew and volunteer Bev Myers for their continued hard work
103 and efforts. Commissioner Meyers commented that things are moving smoothly and will likely be
104 reaching out to Staff for some help in the near future.

105 Commissioner Davis commented on the Mingus Park dredging indicating it will make a great
106 improvement to Mingus Park.

107 Staff and the Commission discussed the maintenance and removal of ivy from City trees. Staff
108 Member Dixon reported City staff takes care of that and also partners with the Coos Watershed
109 for some of that.

110 **Adjourn**

111 There being no further business to come before the Parks Commission, by consensus of the Parks
112 Commission, Chair Lyons adjourned the meeting at 5:05 p.m.

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114 **APPROVED BY THE PARKS COMMISSION ON THE 22nd DAY OF OCTOBER 2020.**

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Attest:


Kelli Burnette, Staff



Arian Lyons, Chair

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