

## MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDING OF THE PARKS COMMISSION

SEPTEMBER 16, 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 in person were City Staff: Greg Hamblet, Operations Administrator; Kelli Burnette, Contracts Administrative Specialist; Jim Hossley, Public Works and Community Development Director; and Commissioners Bill Davis and Ariann Lyons. Also present attending remotely were Carolyn Johnson, City of Coos Bay Community Development Administrator; Commissioners Coco Sutton, Patty Scott, Sam Crawley and Bev Meyers.

### **Approval of the April 15, 2021 and July 15, 2021 Meeting Minutes**

*Commissioner Davis moved and Commissioner Crawley seconded the motion to approve the April 15, 2021, and July 15, 2021, meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried by unanimous vote.*

### **Mingus Park Improvement Status**

Staff Member Johnson provided an update on the Mingus Park dredging and rehabilitation project, stating she is working with the grant writer, engineer and funding agencies and will report back to the Commission at future meetings.

### **Citizen Input**

*Cricket Soules, Marshfield Pioneer Cemetery*, came forward and provided an update on recent projects, invited the Commission to tour the facility, and stated the number of visitors to the cemetery has increased dramatically.

*Angelina M. Appel, 976 S. 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Coos Bay, Resident*, came forward to address her concerns about the skateboard park not reopening for all types of users, scooters, BMX, etc. and the fact that the City has not taken any action into the usership issues.

Chair Lyons explained part of the delay is due to not hearing back from the City's insurance carrier and thanked Ms. Appel for coming back to the Commission to keep it on the forefront.

*Libbi Brigham, 976 S. 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Coos Bay, Resident*, came forward to address her concerns about the skateboard park not being open to everyone.

*Jim Hossley, Public Works and Community Development Director*, came forward and stated the City hopes to have feedback from the insurance company within a month and hopes to have the issue back in front of the Commission for a recommendation to City Council at the October Parks Commission Meeting.

Commissioner Sutton asked about the skateboard park sign issues. Chair Lyons explained the signs are to be address with the usership recommendation from the City's insurance carrier.

### Staff/Commissioner Closing Comments

Staff Member Hamblet reported that the basketball hoop at Mingus Park has been opened back up, that Staff should have the results for the skateboard park usership issue within the next month and will report back to the Commission at the next meeting, and that two new aeration fountains have been ordered for the Mingus Park Pond which should be installed soon to get water movement back in the pond.

Staff and the Commission discussed the status of the nutria removal, noting at least three had been caught.

Commissioner Crawley commented he would like to further explore expanding the skateboard park into the tennis court area.

Chair Lyons commented that a task force should probably be formed to look at the skateboard park usership and expansion. Chair Lyons also noted that people come from out of town and think our parks are amazing and the City should be proud of that.

Commissioner Sutton asked about the status of the master plan. Chair Lyons advised the Commission and staff are slated to look at the master plan late this fall. Staff Member Burnette commented it is on the agenda for discussion in October.

### Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Parks Commission, by consensus of the Parks Commission, Chair Lyons adjourned the meeting at 4:25 p.m.

**APPROVED BY THE PARKS COMMISSION ON THE 21<sup>st</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER 2021.**

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Ariann Lyons, Chair

Attest:

*Kelli Burnette*  
Kelli Burnette, Staff