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CITY OF COOS BAY
MINUTES OF THE PARKS COMMISSION

February 09, 2012

Parks Commission members present: Chairperson, Christine Coles, Commissioner Ariann Lyons, Commissioner Beverly Meyers, Commissioner Bill Otton, Commissioner Patty Scott and Commissioner Mike Vaughan

Not Present: Commissioner Jennifer Stephens (excused)

Staff present: Operations Administrator Randy Dixon and Codes / Planning Specialist Lisa Ekelund

Guests present: Pastor Bill Davis from the Presbyterian Church

Location: Coos Bay Visitors Center

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1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL / APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

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Chairperson Coles called the meeting to order at 4:02 pm.

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Commissioner Meyers made the motion to approve the minutes of 01/12/2012 and 01/27/2012 as submitted. Commissioner Otton seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote of 4 ayes and 1 abstain (Commissioner Scott).

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2. CITIZEN INPUT – *This is an opportunity for members of the audience to bring to the Parks commission's attention, any items not otherwise listed on the agenda. Comments will be limited to 3 minutes per person with a maximum time of 15 minutes for all items.*

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Pastor Bill Davis – Resident – Coos Bay, OR

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Pastor Bill Davis stated that he is the spokesperson for the dog park. He stated that 39 people showed up for a meeting last Friday and there is a lot of enthusiasm to pay matching funds and encourage the City to create a dog park. They are looking at the property between SWOC and the Armory.

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Chairperson Coles thanked Pastor Bill Davis for his comments and stated that they have made a recommendation in the past for a dog park to no avail. Because they are currently reviewing the Parks Master Plan, this would be an opportunity to consider the idea once again. Perhaps the softball field on Hemlock would be a good location.

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Randy gave an overview of the hearing process that will occur during the master plan review.

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3. NEW BUSINESS – None

49 **4. OLD BUSINESS**

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Marshfield Cemetery Management Plan – **Action Item** (Shall the Commission recommend to send the Marshfield Cemetery Management Plan to the City Council for review/adoption)

Commissioner Otton made the motion to recommend that the City Council adopt the Marshfield Cemetery Management Plan. Commissioner Lyons seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Conceptual Plan for the Vacant Fire Hall and Lockhart Properties – **Action Item** (Shall the Commission recommend to send the conceptual plan to City Council for review/adoption)

Commissioner Lyons stated she feels that they should not make a recommendation to the Council for these two items but rather the recommendation should be to the Planning Commission because they are in charge of these types of matters.

Chairperson Coles stated that she thinks the proposal is too dense, it does not represent public space, and she would like to see it modified because conceptually, this is not open space due to its density.

Commissioner Vaughan presented photographs of the trees he proposes to be planted along with another plan that reflects a 30’ setback stating that this is art and it is not intended to be an open space that would support an activity or usage. It is temporary and it does not have a fixed permanence. This also may be a good location to education the public on bio-swales.

Chairperson Coles presented three additional conceptual drawings.

Randy Dixon stated that this recommendation for review would go through the Planning Commission.

Commissioner Otton stated he likes Commissioner Vaughan’s concept and he believes benches could be placed so that people could rest.

Commissioner Scott made the motion to recommend that the Planning Commission review the conceptual plan for the vacant Fire Hall and Lockhart properties. Commissioner Lyons seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Conceptual Plan for Planting and Lighting on 2nd Court and Anderson – **Action Item** (Shall the Commission recommend to send the conceptual plan to City council for review/adoption)

Chairperson Coles spoke of a seminar she attended. During this seminar, they were required to come up with a project and the project they chose was to clean up 2nd Court. They named their team the Alley Cats. At this time they came up with the mural project, planting, and lighting.

94 Commissioner Vaughan asked if the Commissioners would like to hear a detail on the
95 proposed vegetation.

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97 Commissioner Lyons stated that they discussed this at a prior meeting and she likes the idea.

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99 **Commissioner Lyons made the motion to recommend that the Planning Commission**
100 **review the conceptual plan for the planting and lighting on 2nd Court and Anderson.**
101 **Commissioner Otton seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.**

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103 **5. UNSCHEDULED ITEMS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA** – *This is an opportunity for*
104 *the Commissioners to discuss items that have been presented after the posting of the Agenda.*
105 *If it so pleases the Commission, these items will be placed onto the next Agenda for*
106 *consideration.*

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108 It was suggested that the Master Plan Zone Map be placed on the back of the master plan
109 review informational flyer.

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111 It was requested that Randy Dixon provide each of the Commissioners with a map of their
112 individual master plan review zones along with a map of the entire zone compilation.

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114 **6. COMMISSIONERS CLOSING COMMENTS**

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116 Commissioner Meyers asked if there is going to be a meeting next week and Randy Dixon
117 stated he would send an email out when he sets up the next meeting.

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119 **7. ADJOURNMENT**

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121 **There being no further business to come before the Parks Commission, by consensus of**
122 **the Commission, Chairperson Coles adjourned the meeting at 5:08 pm.**

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124 Respectfully Submitted,

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126 Lisa Ekelund, Codes and Planning Specialist
127 Public Works and Development Department

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130 **APPROVED BY THE PARKS COMMISSION ON THE 3RD DAY OF MARCH 2012.**