

**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2019
COMMUNITY AUDITORIUM CONFERENCE ROOM
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1) ROLL CALL:

- a) Commissioners – Brad Bafaro, Ralph Brown, Kenneth Cobleigh, Howard Sullivan, Susan Taylor and Paul Waterstreet.
Absent: Mackenzie Johnston Carey, Tammi McLaughlin and Glenn VanBlarcom
- b) Council Liaison – Malynda Wenzl
- c) Staff – Matt Baum and Tom Gamble

2) CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS: None

3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the July 16, 2019 and the July 30, 2019 meetings were approved.

4) ADDITION/DELETIONS: None

5) OLD BUSINESS:

a) By-Laws Sub Committee Report

- i) Tammi and Glenn have started work on this, but are still waiting for the template so things are on hold.

b) Facility Closure Up-Date

- i) **Rogers Park** – the lock on the new restroom was vandalized and the lock set pin broke. One of better quality has been ordered and we are waiting for it to arrive.
- ii) **Forest Hills and Joseph Gale** – Someone cut the lock conduit in these restrooms, posting a note that it was a hidden camera. These restrooms automatically lock on a fluctuating time schedule. Others close at sunset.
- iii) **Aquatic Center** – The contractor started late on the locker room floors but guaranteed to finish on time. We need to be ready to go on Monday because there is a water polo game that afternoon. The small pool is looking good and the valves for the main pool have been replaced.
- iv) **“B” Street Trail** – Work continues and the trail is still closed. A large oak tree came down Monday and covered a section of the path. The home owner is having it removed.
- v) **Forest Glen** –Work continues and the park will be closed next week.

c) Park Design & Aquatic Center Design Report

- i) Place had a booth at the Farmers Market last Wednesday and provided good visuals and lots of staff to answer questions. They gathered more input into the final designs.
- ii) The display boards are renderings of the ideas taken from both the public and the commission.
- iii) SDC’s will partially fund the parks projects, but not the aquatic center.
- iv) We will have the projected costs soon and then we can prioritize.
- v) Some of the projects could be phased in we could apply for grants.
- vi) We do have partnerships for the various projects:
 - i) A.T. Smith House – Friends of Historic Forest Grove
 - ii) Stites Nature Park – Adelante Mujeres (Community Garden)
 - iii) Aquatic Center – Pacific, Forest Grove School District and the Forest Grove Swim Club

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d) Trail Count Status

- i) Metro has hundreds of sites to count and many volunteers. This year they took the Forest Grove, Cornelius and most of Hillsboro sites off the list. They should be back on the list next year.

6) NEW BUSINESS:

a) Westside Recreation Plan Report/Update

- i) The Westside Recreation meeting last week was attended by representatives from Washington County, the regional director for the Wapato Lake project, Metro, Oregon Fish & Wildlife, Oregon Forestry, Army Corp of Engineers, Clean Water Services and others.
- ii) Each agency provided updates on their projects.
- iii) Hagg Lake had 850,000 visitors this year and plans to add a campground in the next two years. The dam decision needs to be made first, as the Cascadia fault line runs right under the dam. The favored option is to relocate Stimson and build a new dam.
- iv) Wapato Lake National Wildlife Refuge is current building bridges and developing 7 to 8 miles of trails to open next year. The trailhead is across from the Gaston market.
- v) Chehalem Ridge Nature Park will begin building next year, starting with 9 miles of trails.

7) COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS:

a) Howard:

- i) The Corn Roast and Chalk Art Festival are this Saturday.

b) Brad:

- i) The dog park looks great.

8) COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT:

a) Malynda:

- i) At the Council meeting in August the site for the Dollar General store was appealed by the public. The area is zoned neighborhood/mixed use, slated for a village center. There is no definition in the City code to define "village center", so the applicant was denied.
- ii) There will be a second reading on Monday regarding cold weather shelters and how many days they may operate. Severe weather days do not count towards the total number of days.
- iii) Councilman Johnson is having some health issues and there is a blood drive in his honor on September 30.
- iv) There will be a Sister City fundraiser on October 5. Students from our Sister City will be in town October 26 thru October 30 and host families are still needed.
- v) The League of Oregon cities will host a meeting at the end of September in Bend.

9) STAFF REPORTS:

a) Tom:

- i) We have received private donations to fund several different memorials this year.

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b) Matt:

- i) The goats are in serious eating mode and getting the job done. The neighbors are pleased with the effort.
- ii) Play equipment donated by T.T.M. Technologies will be installed in the sand pit at Lincoln Park in mid-November. There will also be some benches and musical components.
- iii) In November we will start tearing down things in Rogers Park to get it ready for construction to begin.

10) ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be Wednesday, October 16, 2019 at 7:00 a.m.

11) ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 a.m.