

**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2020  
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**1) ROLL CALL:**

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

**2) CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS: None**

**3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the December 18, 2019 meeting were approved.**

**4) ADDITION/DELETIONS: None**

**5) ELECTION OF OFFICERS:**

- a) **Chair** – Paul Waterstreet
- b) **Vice Chair** – Brad Bafaro

**6) MEETING DATES 2020:**

- a) Third Wednesday each month at 7:00 a.m.
- b) Special meetings as needed.

**7) OLD BUSINESS:**

**a) Schematic Park Process**

- i) The Consultants did a good job and the audience clapped at the end of their presentation.
- ii) The next step is a presentation to the City Council.
  - (1) It will take place on February 10 and last about twenty minutes.
  - (2) The focus will be on the input from the public and partners.
  - (3) The Council then prepares a resolution to accept the findings.

**b) Eastside Park Scope of Services**

- i) The City has signed a contract with PLACE to do an analysis of the need for services specifically on the Eastside.
  - (1) They will take in the demographic information for the residents to be served on the Eastside.
  - (2) The 2016 Master Plan adopted community makeup with information from the census.
  - (3) Partners/Stakeholders would include the City of Forest Grove, the Forest Grove School District, Clean Water Services, the City of Cornelius and the managers of Rose Grove Mobile Home Park.
  - (4) This could be an opportunity for joint collaboration that would serve both cities and the school district.

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**8) NEW BUSINESS:**

**a) Winter Program Aquatics**

- i) This is one of the busier times of the year at the pool with all our regular programs plus three swim teams practicing and holding meets.
- ii) Lessons bring in about 40% of the pools revenue.

**b) Metro Funding**

- i) Region passed Metro greenspace funding. This is the third one where we will get a local share component. Metro staff has not yet outlined the steps.
- ii) The City bought property the last two times: the Thatcher Woods/Loomis property in 1995 and the property adjoining Stites Park in 2006. The Stites donation was land-locked so this was an important purchase.
- iii) We do have options for projects such as the purchase of property on David Hill Road.

**c) Council Creek Regional Trail**

- i) The Trail Master Plan and Regional Trail Plan conversation has been ongoing for ten years.
- ii) Hillsboro Hatfield center to Forest Grove is part of the East/West portion.
- iii) The cities of Forest Grove, Cornelius and Hillsboro along with Washington County and Metro are all players interested in this.
- iv) The alignment is on the rail line owned by ODOT but Pacific Western holds the lease.
- v) Trimet and Washington County transportation department will do a business analysis of the rail line. There have been no trains on it for six to seven years. If the railroad abandons the rail line a huge hurdle would be gone.
- vi) Our engineering office has led this proposal.

**9) COMMISSIONER'S UPDATES/REPORTS:**

**a) Howard:**

- i) Stars in the Grove auditions are taking place and the show will be February 22.
- ii) January 23 at 11:30 a.m. there will be a Bonamici Ridgewalker Event focusing on the "Digital Divide".
- iii) January 31 the Chamber Business Education will meet at Diversity Café.
- iv) The Ingram family made a donation to build a driving range and outdoor batting cage for baseball and softball at the high school.

**10) COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT:**

**a) Malynda:**

- i) The Annual Town Hall meeting will be January 25. The focus will be on the police station facility with information on the needs for the current facility or a new one, including costs. The department directors will give short statements and highlight their accomplishments. Food and beverages will be provided by BJ's, Panadera and Slow Rise bakery. The meeting will be streamed and shown at the library as well as on Facebook Live.
- ii) The Boards and Commissions dinner is February 13.
- iii) February 15 is the Council Retreat. There will be a new format this year. A consultant has been hired to talk to everyone, hoping to find overlapping themes. Council will also focus on how to engage commissions and encourage community members to get involved.

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**11) STAFF REPORTS:**

**a) Tom:**

- i) The contract for Anna & Abby's Yard will go out to bid in about a week and a half.
- ii) The Parks crew is helping Light & Power with trimming the street trees. There is only one worker in the parks right now.
- iii) Matt will be out for a few days.

**12) ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting will be Wednesday, February 19, 2020 at 7:00 a.m.

**13) ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 a.m.