



PARKS AND TRAILS COMMISSION

Monday, April 10, 2023 at 4:00 PM

APPROVED MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chair Dana Lathrope
Vice Chair Lynne Pettit
Commissioner Howard Blumenthal
Commissioner Jacob Woodruff
Commissioner Paul Barlow
Commissioner Scott Jacobson
Commissioner Lauren Gonzales

STAFF PRESENT

Melisa Gaelrun-Maggi, Parks Administrative Assistant
Brandon Sundeen, City Council

CALL TO ORDER 4:00pm

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve March 13, 2023, Minutes

In the sentence regarding Columbia View Park, Jacobson wants verbiage changed from claims to stated.

Motion made by Commissioner Blumenthal, Seconded by Commissioner Gonzales.

Voting Yea: Chair Lathrope, Vice Chair Pettit, Commissioner Blumenthal, Commissioner Jacobson, Commissioner Barlow, Commissioner Gonzales.

NEW BUSINESS

2. Annual Report to City Council - Lathrope

Lathrope asked for input from Commissioners including emailed info about each individual park in the next couple weeks.

3. Elephant Slide - Lathrope

Lathrope visited Campbell Park with Buck Tupper before the field trip this Saturday and looked over the amenities. Lathrope is sending Kathy Payne a notification of possible quorum that day, but no decisions will be made. The elephant slide came up during their walk through and Lathrope believes it needs to be removed due to deterioration. Jacobson asked if it could be refurbished, Lathrope does not feel it can be. Lathrope asked for a motion to have parks crew remove the slide.

Jacobson would like more information about possible refurbishment.

Lathrope believes that the two parks department employees she spoke to are not sure that it would survive a move but is open to many art preservation options once removed due to safety.

Motion made by Jacobson, seconded by Pettit.

Voting Yea: Chair Lathrope, Vice Chair Pettit, Commissioner Blumenthal, Commissioner Jacobson, Commissioner Barlow, Commissioner Gonzales.

4. Civic Pride Update - Gonzales

Gonzales stated that she is working on blackberry and ivy removal from the trees. Blumenthal and Pettit gave tips on ivy removal. Gonzales mentioned that she heard it is in the master plan to put in a splash pad at Civic Pride Park. She is meeting with Shawn Hogan of Cistus Nursery about plants that would not interfere with the future splash pad.

She is also concerned about the amount of garbage and litter that overflows from the nearby grocery store.

Jacobson mentioned that he feels the park would make a great community garden.

Blumenthal wants her to put in native plants.

Pettit reminded her to put in a water supply before she puts in her plants. Gonzales said she had already talked to the Parks Department about that.

Lathrope asked if she had any plans to host a field trip. Gonzales would like more time.

OLD BUSINESS**5. Grant Sub-Committee - Pettit**

Pettit said that the current volunteers for the sub-committee are Jacobson, Belcher, and herself. They are going to be getting together in the next couple weeks. They are going to keep the sub-committee to three members for now.

Lathrope asked if they are going to be bringing the grants to the commission. Pettit said that they are going to bring them to Jenny Dimsho first.

6. Columbia View Park - Jacobson

Jacobson met with John Walsh and Jenny Dimsho and realized that the placing of the stage is already quite a way down the road on the development plan. He feels there could be better communication between City Council and others in the future.

Blumenthal stated that there were many public hearings on the placing on the stage, so the City did discuss it.

Woodruff asked if the old playground equipment from Columbia View Park can be used for Campbell Park. Lathrope believes that it already has quite a bit of damage.

ACTION ITEMS

Send updated info about parks for the City Council report within the next two weeks.

COUNCILOR'S REPORT

Sundeen reported that the 6ft leash law amendment will be moving forward.

He is available to meet in the parks at any time.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Pettit mentioned the Work Party in Japanese Gardens in McCormick Park on April 22nd from 9am-12pm. Parks crew and the work crew will be doing some work before to make it easier.

Blumenthal stated that thirteen people showed up to their last Nob Hill work party.

The Native Plant Society of Oregon is doing a plant walk this weekend and since the wait list was so long, they are going to do another in May.

Blumenthal is concerned that the Waterfront Construction trail is too close to the old building that used to be Grace's Antiques Annex that he feels that it looks like it is close to collapsing.

Pettit asked if anyone has ordered any Parks t-shirts through Spirit of Halloweentown. She believes it only goes to the end of April.

Jacobson mentioned that Steve Toschi has volunteered to help with the Urban Trail. Pettit said Jacobson should put him in touch with the Urban Trail Committee.

ADJOURNMENT 4:52pm