



# **PARKS AND TRAILS COMMISSION**

Monday, October 09, 2023 at 4:00 PM

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## **APPROVED MINUTES**

### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Chair Dana Lathrope  
Vice Chair Lynne Pettit  
Commissioner Jerry Belcher  
Commissioner Scott Jacobson  
Commissioner Brian Long  
Commissioner Lacey Tolles  
Commissioner Howard Blumenthal

### **MEMBERS ABSENT**

Commissioner Jacob Woodruff  
Commissioner Paul Barlow

### **STAFF PRESENT**

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

### **CALL TO ORDER 4:00pm**

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

#### **1. Review of September Minutes**

Edit by Commissioner Jacobson: Jacobson did not mean to come across as being against the pre-event meetings, he is just not fond of any verbal communication.

Motion made by Vice Chair Pettit to approve minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Jacobson.

Voted yea: Chair Dana Lathrope, Vice Chair Lynne Pettit, Commissioner Jerry Belcher, Commissioner Scott Jacobson, Commissioner Brian Long, Commissioner Lacey Tolles.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **2 - Scappoose Bay Watershed - Rachell Meyers**

Rachell Meyers wanted to talk a little about the work they do in the parks including invasive weed removal.

Belcher asked if they would be willing to help with invasive species that are not within the watershed boundaries. Rachell said that they do have plans to help with the Botanical Garden.

Blumenthal wanted to make sure she knew the appropriate season to spray for poison oak.

Pettit had questions about specifics items of the current IGA and if Rachell knew about the Parks & Rec split and the chain of command for getting things done.

Jacobson was wondering if she can give a monthly progress report to the commission. Rachell thought that was a bit much given the small budget project.

Pettit asked if there were any past reports from the Scappoose Watershed that they could forward to them as well as her contact information.

Belcher would like her to appear quarterly in person to give a report.

**OLD BUSINESS****3 - Review Permit - Dana Lathrope**

Continuing to review Special Use Permit.

Lathrope would like to see barricades between the spectators and the street at large parades.

Next meeting the Commission is going to discuss their notes and make recommendations.

**COUNCILOR'S REPORT**

Councilor Sundeen reported that there has been a change for the expansion to Columbia View Park due to budget. There will be more news to come on what those changes will be.

The replica of the warrior rock lighthouse replica is going to be changed via a grant.

The Veterans Memorial changes are moved right along and on schedule to be done before the Veterans Day celebration. Sundeen is also hoping to have the Japanese gardens looking nice by that time.

He is still looking into renaming the Botanical Gardens, has found some ideas and would like to present them soon.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Lathrope would like to invite the City Finance Director to the next meeting to clarify money usage.

Pettit found someone pulling weeds at Dalton Lake and told them it was "private property". She is also upset about the amount of garbage in the area.

Blumenthal reminded everyone of the clean-up event in Nob Hill on November 4th.

**ADJOURNMENT 4:48pm**