

Minutes of the
PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE
Thursday, September 17, 2009
Council Chambers

Members: Chair Robert Reid, Pat Friedland, Ed Johnson, Barb Knop, and Jean Williams

Excused: Bev Graver, and Robin Risley

Staff: City Manager Rich Mays and Administrative Assistant Stephanie McGuire

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Reid called the meeting to order at 8:33 a.m. Thank you letters received from community grant recipients were circulated.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF AUGUST 20, 2009

Motion: Johnson moved to approve the minutes of August 20, 2009; Knop seconded the motion.

Vote: Friedland, Johnson, Knop, Reid, and Williams voted AYE. The vote was 5/0 in favor and the motion passed.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Trails – Mays summarized recent Planning Commission hearings pertaining to the trail. The Planning Commission voted 5/0 to approve the conditional use permit. Opponents have twenty days to file an appeal. Barbara Linnett is organizing a *Friends of the Trail* group. Johnson complimented Mays on his positive work on behalf of the citizens of the City.

Sculpture Without Walls – Mays announced that two new members, Alan Cantor and Hank Johnson, have joined the committee. There have been discussions on whether or not to have a site-specific sculpture program. The committee has decided to phase in a site-specific program in 2011. Mays cited the 2nd Street Plaza and the 2nd Street Restrooms has potential sites for a site-specific sculpture design competition. The committee is in the process of securing jurors for 2010.

Funding for the Arts – Mays reported that the City Council had directed him to develop possible ways to fund the arts. One possibility would be to raise the lodging tax by one percent. Recently, Mays has given presentations to the Chamber of Commerce members and to the Wednesday Morning group. Should direction be given by the City Council to proceed with an increase in lodging taxes, public hearings would be scheduled to take testimony on the proposal to increase lodging taxes. Should this proposal be implemented, formal agreements would be in place with all parties involved. The City Council has the authority to increase the lodging tax.

Parks History Project – Reid reported on a series of articles from *The Upper Left Edge* that outlined how parks had been developed in other areas. Johnson suggested that a written history be compiled to document community involvement in the creation of public assets in Cannon Beach. Logistics were discussed and the creation of a subcommittee to pursue the written history of the City parks was proposed. Mays read portions of

an historical account written by June Croft. Interview sources were discussed. The consensus of the committee was to pursue the compilation of a written history.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Williams reported on the unsightly condition of the Tolovana Wayside. The mowing had not been kept up and the garbage was overflowing. Ideas were discussed on how to have the area look nicer. It was noted that Tolovana Wayside is maintained by the State.

Williams said that the Parks Committee meetings have not been in *The Gazette*. It was suggested that the committee action be included in the newspapers and on the City website.

Johnson reported on conversations he has had with various citizens pertaining to the trail, and he has informed them that there were openings on City committees which would provide opportunities for involvement. Johnson noted that there were rust areas on the playground equipment. He also asked that Earth Day discussions be added to the next agenda.

Committee terms were discussed.

Knop expressed thanks to Bev Graver on his work with the grant recipients at the community potluck.

Mays announced that the next potluck will be October 14th and the City's sustainability efforts will be discussed. The potluck will be held at the Presbyterian Church.

Mays also suggested that the intern that worked on the trail system map be invited to make a presentation on the work she has done for the City.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Reid adjourned the meeting at 9:36 a.m.

Stephanie McGuire, Administrative Assistant