

Minutes of the  
**PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE**  
Thursday, October 15, 2009  
Council Chambers

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

Excused: Robin Risley

Staff: City Manager Rich Mays and Administrative Specialist Buffy Simmons

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Reid called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 17, 2009

Motion: Friedland moved to approve the minutes of September 17, 2009; Johnson seconded the motion.

Vote: Friedland, Graver, Johnson, Knop, Reid, and Williams voted AYE. The vote was 6/0 in favor and the motion passed.

Knop joined the meeting at 8:34.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Trails – Mays summarized the recent developments of the trail and the approval for the conditional use permit from the Planning Commission. Mays commended Rainmar Bartl, the City Planner, on the outstanding job he did on the Final Findings of Fact. The Committee requested that each member of the Committee be give a copy of the Final Findings. The Committee discussed *The Friends of the Trail* meeting that Barbara Linette is hosting at the Tolovana Inn this evening. The Committee discussed the timeline and process if the opponents elect to appeal the Planning Commission decision.

Sculpture Without Walls – Mays summarized recent SWW developments. The Committee will scale down the exhibit to three sites this year and one site in 2011. The event will be held next year during the first weekend of February 2010. Three jurors have been selected. They are Melissa G. Post, Curator, Museum of Glass, Tacoma, Washington; Terri Hopkins, Director of the Art Gym at Marylhurst University, Marylhurst, Oregon; and Rock Hushka, Curator of Contemporary & NW Art, Tacoma Art Museum, Tacoma, Washington.

Funding for the Arts – Mays reviewed the funding for the arts proposal. An increase of 1% in the lodging tax has been considered as a possible way to increase funding for the arts. Recently, a Department of Justice legal opinion suggested additional revenues received would have to be spent towards tourism. Discussion ensued. Reid suggested that a Finding of Fact be developed between the Hotels through the Chamber of Commerce, City Council, and the City before anything is put into place. Having an agreement may streamline the approval process.

Parks History Project - The Committee discussed the June Kroft paper that Mays distributed to the group. Johnson suggested a special meeting to discuss the history project in greater detail. Reid proposed that a discussion take place today after immediately following the Parks Committee meeting. Mays mentioned that part of the future history will include the 800 acres of the Ecola Watershed that will be added to the Cannon Beach Parks system in the next two years. Johnson noted that all the records and materials that have been provided have been insightful; however, there are some areas that need further completion especially in regards to landscaping.

The Committee discussed Les Shirley Park and its historical importance as the southernmost point of the Lewis and Clarke trail. Also discussed was the inclusion of the park in the National Parks system and possible federal funding that might be given to support that park. Johnson brought up a proposed Whale monument that Mike Stanley put forward several years for placement at the park. The Committee discussed taking another look at the whale project. Mays thanked the Committee for their work.

Earth Day – Johnson discussed Earth Day plans for the upcoming festivities on April 24 and 25, 2010. The following roles and responsibilities for the event were discussed.

Knop and Johnson will Co-Chair the Earth Day Event  
Williams - Parade  
Friedland - Publicity  
Risley - Speaker  
Reid – Permits

Graver suggested combining the Community Potluck and the Earth day festivities. Graver will further discuss this idea with Mays.

Reid will speak with Melissa Cadwallader about HRAP participating in Earth Day event.

Johnson would like to ask for additional help from the community on the Earth Day festivities. The Committee discussed different ideas to get input and suggestions from the community. Friedland will contact the *Gazette* and *Citizen* as well as ask the community to send ideas in writing to the Committee using the City of Cannon Beach as the address. The Committee will contact with ECAP and HRAP for collaboration on the event.

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Reid asked the Committee to think of the 800 acres in Ecola Creek and how it could be best utilized.

Johnson would like to get more notices on City events such as the Potluck.

Graver summarized the talks given by Rainmar Bartl on Sustainability and other speakers at the community potluck.

### ADJOURNMENT

Chair Reid adjourned the meeting at 9:28 a.m.

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Buffy Simmons, Administrative Specialist