

Minutes of the
PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE
Thursday, January 21, 2010
Council Chambers

Members: Chair Robert Reid, Vice Chair Jean Williams, Ed Johnson, Barb Knop, and Robin Risley

Staff: City Manager Rich Mays and Administrative Assistant Stephanie McGuire

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Reid called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF OCTOBER 15, 2009

Motion: Johnson moved to approve the minutes of October 15, 2009; Williams seconded the motion.

Vote: Johnson, Reid, and Williams voted AYE. The vote was 3/0 in favor and the motion passed.

ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

Motion: Williams nominated Knop as Chair; Johnson seconded the motion.

Vote: Johnson, Reid, and Williams voted AYE. The vote was 3/0 in favor and the motion passed.

Risley arrived at 10:14 a.m.

Motion: Johnson nominated Williams as Vice Chair; Risley seconded the motion.

Vote: Johnson, Reid, Risley, and Williams voted AYE. The vote was 4/0 in favor and the motion passed.

FRIEDLAND RESIGNATION

Reid announced Friedland's resignation from the committee.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Trails – Mays summarized the recent developments pertaining to the trail. A *Friends of the Trail* meeting was held. Forty-nine letters have been received for submittal to the City Council at the public hearing on February 2, 2010.

Knop arrived at 10:22 a.m. Reid passed the gavel to Knop.

Sculpture Without Walls – Mays summarized recent SWW developments. The Committee will scale down the exhibit to three sites this year (Les Shirley Park, Tolovana Park, and the Midtown Restrooms sites) and one site in 2011. The event will be held February 5th and 6th, 2010. Forty-three submissions have been received for consideration. Sculptures will be installed during the month of April.

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. A conceptual plan is in development for the formation of a commission which would determine how to distribute the funds to applicants, similar to the Community Grants process. The role of Cannon Beach Business Associates was also discussed. Mays also reported that the Children’s Center has said that they are not in a good financial situation.

Parks History Project - Reid stated that he has been to the Cannon Beach History Center and has begun reviewing the materials there. Reid stated that he is committed to the project and has contacted the Oregon Historical Society for information as well. Suggestions were made regarding possible information sources.

Earth Day – Johnson discussed Earth Day plans for the upcoming festivities on April 24 and 25, 2010. Johnson and Knop are the Co-Chairs of the Earth Day Events. The Earth Day Ad Hoc Committee will be meeting later this morning. Mays clarified that the Community Potluck and the Earth Day Friday evening event will be combined on April 24th. The *Gaylord Nelson Award* will be presented on Friday evening, April 24th. Risley distributed a preliminary copy of the publicity poster.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Johnson stated that he had received a telephone call from Jessica Sund pertaining to the possible use of the elementary school property for additional parking for the summer. The use of the elementary school property for summer parking will be heard by the Planning Commission on January 28th. Johnson summarized a letter from Sund and introduced Sund to the committee. Sund stated that there is not another facility in Cannon Beach that provides a safe place for children to ride their bikes or use their roller skates. Sund stated that she consistently uses the elementary school property for skating and said that the property is very well used by children. Sund also stated that she has provided a copy of her letter to the Planning Commission. Williams stated that due to liability issues, most school properties, playground and parking, were completely locked when schools were not used.

Reid stated that he would write a personal letter to the Planning Commission regarding the subject. Mays noted that Sund has ten points in her letter opposing the school as a parking site, and suggested that if the committee takes action, the committee should restrict their comments to the points that pertain to the Parks Committee mission.

Williams reported to the committee on a meeting that she attended pertaining to *Geo-Tourism* and presented a map of the Cascades that has been developed by *National Geographic*. Tolovana Wayside was discussed as an area that could use enhancement.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Knop adjourned the meeting at 11:14 a.m.

Stephanie McGuire, Administrative Assistant