

Minutes of the
PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE
Thursday, September 15, 2016
Council Chambers

Members: Jean Williams, Robin Risley, Jillayne Sorenson and Todd Rowley

Excused:

Staff: Parks Department Joanne Olson, Roads Specialist Tracy Sund and Administrative Assistant Jennifer Barrett

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Risley called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF AUGUST 18, 2016

Motion: Rowley moved to approve the minutes of August 18, 2016 as amended; Williams seconded the motion.

Vote: Risley, Sorenson, Williams & Rowley voted AYE. The vote was 4/0 in favor and passed.

Risley asked for nominations for Chair.

Williams nominated Risley for Chair; Sorenson seconded the nomination.

Vote: Risley, Sorenson, Williams & Rowley voted AYE. The vote was 4/0 in favor and passed.

As Risley was the Vice Chair, Risley asked for nominations for Vice Chair.

Motion: Rowley nominated Sorenson for Vice Chair; Williams seconded the nomination.

Vote: Risley, Sorenson, Williams & Rowley voted AYE. The vote was 4/0 in favor and passed.

MONTHLY STATE OF THE PARKS

Olson reported Anderson is on vacation, everything is caught up with parks however things are still growing. We are pruning, trimming hedging mowing, working on irrigation and a lot of new grass has been planted. Risley noted Les Shirley looks beautiful. Olson noted they've added new grass seed at Ecola Creek Park and Sunset stairs has sod which is doing good. Trees have been lost in the past so they are regularly watering. The soccer field has a few more games then will be done for the season. A discussion ensued regarding smoking in parks and the cigarette butts being left on the ground. The flower baskets were taken down after Labor Day and bulbs that will be planted throughout town should be received in the next few weeks. The windscreens at the tennis courts are down, and there was a successful concert in the park through Tolovana Arts Colony. In response to Risley's question how many people attended the concert, Williams replied approximately 75. A discussion ensued regarding the elk in town.

ECOLA RESERVE MANAGEMENT PLAN

Scott Rekate, Vice President of Ecola Creed Forest Reserve Water Shed Council went up to see the cedar trees from the planting that was done in 2003 or 2006 back off of the north fork. Rekate noted the fencing around it is starting to impede the cedars. Rekate added Doug Ray said to leave the fence, however approximately 60-70 pounds of fencing was removed. The city picked it up and will restore for reuse. Risley requested Mark Barnes attend the next meeting and give an update on the ECFR.

ECOLA CREEK WATERSHED COUNCIL

The next meeting is Monday at Tolovana Hall at 4:30 pm.

MARINE DEBRIS UPDATE

Sund reported there has been little to no debris offshore and tourist debris was normal or slightly less than last year. Sund noted there has been a quite a bit of camping on the beach, a discussion ensued regarding the enforcement of the no camping policy. Rekate asked if the lifeguards have the authority to ask people to leave if they are camping, Sund noted the timing of the lifeguards versus when people seem to come onto the beach to camp, adding a lifeguard's function is to scan the beach and keep people safe, not clean up the beach. Sund noted the lack of enforcement over time has created more people doing it. A discussion ensued regarding how enforcement happened in the past with regards to beach. Risley will talk to the Chief regarding the issue.

TOLOVANA WAYSIDE REPORT

Williams reported it's been very busy, they are going through lots of dog bags and someone put their waste in the dog bag box instead of the garbage can. People have been good about picking up their garbage, the foot washing station isn't working so people are likely using the restrooms to wash. Bob Lundy noted at the most recent Watershed Council said there has been high enterococcus readings at Chisana Creek and someone mentioned there is a camera on the Tolovana Inn roof. Lundy looked into if we can see if they have archive shots and found out they don't archive, but they have an hourly screen grab for the 24 hours. They can see how many kids are playing in the outfall. Williams said the sign is missing there as well, Sund will locate the sign. Williams added the handicap ramp is clear.

ENTERTAINMENT IN THE PARK

no report

GENA COMMITTEE REPORT

Jan Siebert Wahrmond reported they will be meeting Tuesday, they will be focusing on the estuary and NeCus' area including the grade school.

PARKS & TRAIL MASTER PLAN

Barrett reported the consultant will be meeting with the public works staff and the Citizens Advisory Group on October 13th. The Community input open house will be November 10th. The consultants noted they had good feedback from attending the American Legion burger night, farmers market and the 2nd street plaza.

BEACH DEBRIS CONTROL

Item was covered in Marine Debris Update.

COMMEMORATIVE GIFT POLICY REVISION

The revision will be on the October 4th council meeting agenda. Williams received a quote from the Trophy Case and it will be less expensive than doing it in Portland, adding the Trophy Case will also drill the holes as well. A discussion ensued regarding moneys donated in the past to the City and how it's tracked.

COMMUNITY GRANT POTLUCK RECAP

Risley reported it was a wonderful event and thanked everyone who worked to put it together. Williams added it was very enlightening. Risley was hoping in the next potluck that we won't have a conflict with the dates as ECAP's annual meeting is the second Thursday of September. A discussion ensued regarding if the Chamber is large enough to house the function as it seems to grow.

TREE CITY USA

Siebert Wahrmond reported everyone invited Monday the 19th at 3:30 starting at the 5th Street Ecola pump station parking lot for the sign ceremony. The signs should be here tomorrow, and they will walk up and look at the sign at the north entrance. There are two signs one at the north entrance and one coming into town on the south. The Mayor, City Manager and Barn Knop will talk. Sund suggested a pedestrian route to keep people off of the main road to get to the sign as well as a route for people with mobility issues, a discussion ensued.

WELCOME POLE SIGN

Siebert Wahrmond asked the Committee how they would like to move forward. Sund noted he and Paul did the sculpture signs, Siebert Wahrmond will get wording from the artist for the NeCus sign and coordinate with Sund.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Risley reported that Barb Knop wanted her to remind people that there will be a trail cleaning this Saturday from 9-11. They will meet at the trial kiosk at the lagoons.

Risley would like the 12 Days of Earth Day committee to stay a little late after the meeting today.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Risley adjourned the meeting at 9:48 AM

Jennifer Barrett, Administrative Assistant