

Minutes of the
PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE
Thursday, December 15, 2011
Council Chambers

Members: Chair Barb Knop, Eliza Davis, Ed Johnson, Robin Risley and Jean Williams

Excused: Robert Reid

Staff: City Manager Rich Mays (arrived at 9:20), and Utility Worker II Kirk Anderson

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF OCTOBER 20, 2011

Williams noted a date typographical error.

Motion: Williams moved to approve the minutes of November 17; Risley seconded the motion.

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

ECOLA FOREST RESERVE ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

Knop responded to questions by the Committee members and reported that the subject of hunting on the property will be discussed further at the next meeting on January 4, 2012. The unanimous consensus of the Parks and Community Services Committee is to support a “*No hunting*” policy in the Ecola Forest Reserve.

NATURAL HISTORY PARK STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT

Knop gave an update on this Committee’s activities.

TRAIL AND CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE CENTER STATUS

Anderson gave an update pertaining to Phase II of the Pedestrian Trail project. Knop and Barbara Linnett reported on the Palette Group’s draft report regarding the schedule, designs, benches, fencing, and signage, noting that these items must be budgeted. The *Adoption Program* was discussed.

OCEAN DEBRIS PREPAREDNESS PLAN

There was a general discussion pertaining to the science of debris movement, but it was noted that there was no City input pertaining to policy at this time. The consensus was to incorporate the subject matter as a part of Earth Day.

TENTS IN PARKS UPDATE

Mays reported that the City Council will be discussing the matter at their January 10, 2012, work session.

PARKS HISTORY PROJECT

No report

TOLOVANA WAYSIDE REPORT

Williams reported that \$6,250 of the \$10,000 needed, had been raised.

TWELVE DAYS OF EARTH REPORT

Parks Committee members reported on the status of their respective tasks for the event. Event dates are April 11, 2012, through April 22, 2012. Speakers have been confirmed, and the various events taking place during the festival were discussed. The topic of *medical waste* was discussed and may be a subject that is highlighted at the festival. As of this date, there are no t-shirts . It was noted that ECAP is a legal non-profit organization.

NATIVE PLANTS PLANTING - TWELVE DAYS OF EARTH

The planting of native plants as a part of the *Twelve Days of Earth*. Discussion ensued regarding Dr. Jepson's talk pertaining to plants that are natural pollinators. Where the "bee's plants" should be planted needs to be determined.

FUTURE MEETING TIMES

Motion: Johnson moved to to establish future Parks and Community Services Committee meeting times as 9:00 a.m. Williams seconded the motion.

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

FAREWELL TO COMMITTEE MEMBER ROBIN RISLEY

It was noted that this was Risley's final meeting, as her term has been completed. Appreciation was expressed to Robin Risley for her service to the Parks and Community Services Committee.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

It was noted that the three interpretive signs at Les Shirley Park were installed in 1987. The two *Lewis and Clark* signs are approved. Staff expressed concern that the signs were becoming shabby in appearance.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Knop adjourned the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Kirk Anderson, Utility Worker II