

Minutes of the  
**PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE**  
Thursday, March 18, 2010  
Council Chambers

Members: Chair Barb Knop, Vice Chair, Eliza Davis, Ed Johnson, and Robert Reid

Excused: Robin Risley and Jean Williams

Staff: City Manager Rich Mays, Public Works Director Mark See, and Administrative Assistant Stephanie McGuire

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Knop called the meeting to order at 8:34 a.m., and welcomed Davis to the Committee.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 18, 2010

Motion: Johnson moved to approve the minutes of February 18, 2010; Davis seconded the motion.

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

Mari Rockett Memorial Sculpture

Mays announced that the City Council had approved the Rockett sculpture. The sculpture must be removed by April 30, 2011, or earlier. The Sculpture Without Walls Committee will be meeting to determine the site where the temporary sculpture can be installed.

South Emergency Supplies Cache Site

See reported that the site had been cleared and erosion control measures have been put in place. An RFP is being prepared. The building is proposed to look similar to the building at the north site, on Old Cannon Beach Road. See said that the building would be stocked with water and food bars. Davis asked about the water and food rotation schedule. See stated that staff was developing a rotation schedule. There will not be any utilities installed to the cache building.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Trails – Mays reported that the City Council approved the Final Findings of Fact on March 2nd. The appellants have twenty days after that vote to appeal the decision to LUBA, the State Land Use Board of Appeals. Barbara Linnett, *Friends of the Trail*, was introduced. See reported that he and Roads Division Utility Worker Tracy Sund presented a virtual tour via *Power Point* to the Land and Water Conservation Agency in Salem, Oregon, in conjunction with the City's grant application. In response to a question by Johnson, See explained the portions of the trail that would be multi-use, and would contain about twelve hundred feet of hard surface material. The segment of the trail from East Second Street to the Elm Street right-of-way is a pedestrian trail only.

Motion: Johnson moved that the Parks and Community Services Committee endorse a program to develop a *Power Point* presentation to present the trail plans to the community. Reid seconded the motion.

Amended: Johnson moved that the Parks and Community Services Committee endorse a program to develop a *Power Point* presentation, co-sponsored with the *Friends of the Trail* and as part of the Twelve Days of Earth. Reid seconded the motion.

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

Sculpture Without Walls – Mays announced that three sculptures will be installed during the month of April and community voting is scheduled for the first weekend in May during *Spring Unveiling*. Mays reviewed the sculptures and the installation locations.

Funding for the Arts – Mays updated the committee on the funding for the arts proposal. The City Council is considered a one percent increase in the lodging tax to fund the arts. Seventy percent of any lodging tax must be devoted directly to tourism. Ordinances have been drafted for Council consideration. A public hearing will be held on April 6th to take public comment. If approved, the tax increase would be effective July 1st.

#### Parks History Project -

Reid stated that he had no report.

#### 800 Acres Update

Mays stated that the property appraisals have been completed. One parcel will be purchased this year, and the remaining properties will be purchased next year.

#### Community Gardens Update

Mays reported that staff is working toward identifying several smaller lots to utilize for possible community gardens.

#### Community Grants Update

Grant applications are due April 27th.

Earth Day – Knop stated that the subcommittee has been meeting every week developing *The Twelve Days of Earth*. She reviewed the planned events. Duties and responsibilities were clarified. Knop asked the Committee to determine whether or not horses could be included in the parade. Knop stated that Williams was opposed to allowing horses in the parade. Reid stated that he would be in favor of having horses and volunteered to scoop anything the horses left behind. Johnson stated that he would be in favor of the horses if the horse waste would be taken care of appropriately and immediately.

Motion: Johnson moved that horses be allowed in the parade provided that appropriate waste collection is undertaken during the parade as well. Reid seconded the motion.

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

Reid asked that the release of liability forms and the parade application be completed by the City as soon as possible.

Johnson noted that a \$500 grant would be given by Oregon Department of Energy. Johnson asked the Committee to discuss whether or not t-shirts or sweatshirts should be funded by the \$500 grant money. Knop

stated that there were expenses, including the musician, for the event. Reid stated that he did not support selling t-shirts or sweatshirts. The consensus of the Committee was to support reusable cloth bags.

Motion: Johnson moved that the \$500 be used to purchase and distribute reusable bags for Earth Day. Reid seconded the motion.

Johnson suggested down spout systems and airless composting systems as alternative ideas and materials for distribution at Earth Day. Reid asked if the money could be held and spent after more research could be done. Davis said that she would research the reusable bags. A bag exchange was also discussed.

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

#### GOOD OF THE ORDER

Johnson asked if the bank at the RV Park perimeter had been considered for the Community Garden. See said that staff would look at the right-of-way in that area. Johnson acknowledged the elk situation. Johnson also asked if *Roundup* was used for weed control in the City. See stated that commercial vinegar is used by City staff. No herbicides or pesticides are used by City staff. Citizens are not permitted to maintain the City rights-of-way. In response to a question by Davis, See reviewed City rights-of-way. Davis asked if the RV Park pool was available for community use. Johnson stated that the pool was used in the off-season, in the past, with staffing by Sunset Parks and Recreation. The City Manager stated that there would be liability considerations and will investigate the matter further.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Chair Knop adjourned the meeting at 10:15 a.m.

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Stephanie McGuire, Administrative Assistant