

Minutes of the
PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE
Thursday, April 15, 2010
Council Chambers

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

Staff: City Manager Rich Mays, and Administrative Assistant Stephanie McGuire

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Knop called the meeting to order at 8:34 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MARCH 18, 2010

Motion: Reid moved to approve the minutes of March 18, 2010; Risley seconded the motion.

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

Mari Rockett Memorial Sculpture

Mays announced that the Sculpture Without Walls Committee formed a subcommittee to determine where the *Mari's Fire* would be located. The Ecola Pump Station site was chosen.

Johnson arrived at 8:37 a.m.

South Emergency Supplies Cache Site

McGuire reported that the application would be heard by the Design Review Board on April 15th.

Tolovana Wayside

Williams asked that this item be placed on the agenda. Williams stated that she had been attempting to contact Larry Oswald with Oregon State Parks, but had not made contact yet. Williams said that she would like to have a meeting with Oswald and City staff to discuss organizing volunteers to remove garbage, stock dog waste bags, and assist in keeping the park looking nice. Williams reported that there is a State program called *Adopt a Park*, and she would like to pursue that. Mays said that he would try to contact Oswald.

Farmer's Market Music

Mays reported that Farmers Market Manager Jennifer Williamson is looking for a volunteer to organize the music at each of the Farmers Market events, and asked members to contact him if they were interested in volunteering.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Trails – Mays reported that the appellants have appealed the decision to LUBA, the State Land Use Board of Appeals. In response to a question by Johnson, Mays said that he would investigate the costs for a LUBA appeal. There will be a presentation on the pedestrian trail at the History Center, April 26th, in conjunction with Earth Day. Barbara Linnett, *Friends of the Trail*, will be hosting a booth at Earth Day that will provide

information on the pedestrian trail. Johnson reported that he had met with See and Sund regarding asphalt, and that he appreciated the staff time.

Sculpture Without Walls – Mays announced that three sculptures have been installed. Community voting is scheduled for the first weekend in May during *Spring Unveiling*.

Funding for the Arts – Mays updated the committee on the funding for the arts proposal. The City Council is considering a one percent increase in the lodging tax to fund the arts. Seventy percent of any lodging tax must be devoted directly to tourism. Rules and Regulations, a Resolution, and an Ordinance have been drafted for Council consideration. A public hearing was held on April 6th to take public comment, and a work session is scheduled for April 20th. 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. Escrow is set to close April 16th on the North Clatskanie parcel consisting of 331 acres. The remaining five properties are set to be purchased in July 2011.

Community Gardens Update

Mays had no report. Johnson suggested the west berm area at the RV Resort as a garden possibility.

Community Grants Update

Grant applications are due April 27th.

Earth Day – Johnson reported on an article that appeared on *The Twelve Days of Earth*, and on the groups participating and working on the events. Seventeen vendors have committed to participating. Williams reported on the parade planning. Knop has posters for distribution. Risley reported on the speakers and presentations scheduled for Saturday, April 24th. Johnson said that he had purchased the reusable cloth bags. The Chamber will be selling t-shirts and bags.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Mays responded to Risley's request to update the Committee on the changes at Cannon Beach Elementary School pertaining to boundary shifts and blended classrooms. The school will be closed at some point because the District will be relocating all of the schools to one campus at an elevation that is out of the tsunami threat area.

In response to Risley's question pertaining to the property north of 9th Street, Mays reported that Weyerhaeuser retained 200 acres in that area in the vicinity of Radar Road and access to that area.

Johnson stated that he would like an Attorney General opinion on conflicts of interest with elected officials in the City.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Knop adjourned the meeting at 9:57 a.m.

Stephanie McGuire, Administrative Assistant