

Minutes of the  
**PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE**  
Thursday, May 20, 2010  
Council Chambers

Members: Chair Barb Knop, Vice Chair, Eliza Davis, Robert Reid, and Jean Williams

Excused: Robin Risley and Ed Johnson

Staff: Public Works Director Mark See, and Administrative Assistant Stephanie McGuire

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Knop called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF APRIL 15, 2010

Motion: Reid moved to approve the minutes of April 15, 2010; Williams seconded the motion.

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

Community Grants - Possible Presentations

Knop asked the committee if there were any invitations for presentations that the committee wanted to extend to any of the applicants. Davis asked what the basic criteria was for awarding the community grants. A general discussion ensued. Reid commented that it appeared that the applications were improving in content and did not think that any presentations were needed. Other members concurred.

South Emergency Supplies Cache Site

See reported that the County building permit had been obtained and construction is underway with a projected completion date of June 30, 2010.

Tolovana Wayside

Williams reported that she and See met with Oregon State Parks regarding general maintenance of the Wayside. Williams is in the process of recruiting volunteers to adopt the park and assist in picking up trash and keep the area generally cleaned up. The general maintenance tasks and protocol were discussed.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Trails – See reported that the appellants have appealed the decision to LUBA, the State Land Use Board of Appeals. The City has requested that the Design Review Board continue the hearing to the June 17th meeting.

Sculpture Without Walls – See announced that Puffins sculpture was voted the most popular by the community. Williams reported that there were more people viewing the sculpture at Tolovana Wayside than in past years.

Funding for the Arts – See reported that the City Council voted to approve the one percent increase in the lodging tax to fund the arts. Seventy percent of any lodging tax must be devoted directly to tourism. The City is accepting applications for members for the Ad Hoc Committee. The tax increase would be effective July 1st.

#### 800 Acres Update

See stated that escrow has closed on the North Clatskanie parcel consisting of 331 acres. The remaining five properties are set to be purchased in July 2011.

#### Community Gardens Update

See reported that staff had investigated the right-of-way on Elkland, adjacent to the RV Resort, and that site would not be feasible.

Earth Day – General discussion ensued. Williams said that the partnership with the Chamber of Commerce worked out very well. Appreciation was expressed for the assistance provided by Kirk Anderson. Reid said that he checked the US Bank area to be sure that it was clean.

#### GOOD OF THE ORDER

In response to a question by Davis, the grants timeline and review process was discussed.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Chair Knop adjourned the meeting at 9:10 a.m.

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Stephanie McGuire, Administrative Assistant