



**KEIZER PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
Tuesday, July 12, 2016
6:00 p.m. Keizer Civic Center**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair David Loudon called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present

David Loudon, Chair
Jim Taylor, Vice Chair
Richard Walsh (6:05)
J.T. Hager (6:05)
Matt Lawyer
Donna Bradley
Scott Klug
Clint Holland

Absent

Dylan Juran
Roland Herrera, Councilor

Council Liaison - absent

Staff Present

Robert Johnson, Parks/Facilities Manager
Debbie Lockhart, Deputy City Recorder

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Matt Lawyer moved for approval of the Minutes. Jim Taylor seconded. Motion passed as follows: Loudon, Lawyer, Bradley, Klug, and Taylor in favor with Holland abstaining, Juran absent and Walsh and Hager absent at time of vote.

APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS: None

NEW/OLD BUSINESS

Stabilized Funding Options: Matt Lawyer referred the Board to the Survey second draft. Discussion followed at length regarding what information should be included. Members suggested that perhaps the it should say 'If you agree that parks should be funded at a higher rate, what would you be willing to pay? Please mark the appropriate box.' Additional dialog took place regarding providing information on what the fee would give the public.

For example:

If you paid \$_____ per month the City could provide basic maintenance and replace equipment as needed.

If you paid \$_____ per month the City could develop, mow and irrigate play fields.

If you paid \$_____ per month the City could complete unfinished projects listed in the Master Plan (include a list of those items).

If you paid \$_____ per month the City could provide all the above and include an indoor recreational center.

Other suggestions included the following verbiage: "Without additional money the City is unable to maintain the parks at minimal level. Would you be willing to pay a nominal fee to remedy this?" Distribution of this question would be followed by numerous outreach efforts to get the word out and to get feedback on what the citizens would support.

Chair Loudon directed the Fee Proposal Plan Committee to touch base with the Mayor for clarification and to come back with another version of the questionnaire incorporating Board suggestions. Mr. Lawyer urged Board members to send the committee their suggestions and edits and asked them to be prepared in August to finalize the survey, discuss target organizations and begin setting a schedule.

STAFF REPORT: Robert Johnson directed attention to the list showing master plan items for each park and which items had been completed and remain to be completed. He noted that many remaining items are maintenance items such as replacing or repairing sports courts. He continued his report noting that it is the middle of summer so parks are receiving heavy use; many areas are being reserved and the splash fountain is being used. He added that he continues to work on an explanation of park services that will clarify what the cost is to maintain parks at the current level, what it would cost to bring them up to standards, and what it would take to accomplish options beyond that.

COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT: Councilor Herrera was absent.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Keizer Little League Lights: Clint Holland reported that the Keizer Little League would like to get lighting in the main complex. He noted that the 90-foot diamond is already lit but as more tournaments are scheduled, more fields will be used and they need to be lit. He added that the cost will be less than it was for the 90-foot field because the wiring is already in and the poles will not need to be as high but that he did not have an estimate.

Mr. Holland also provided an update on improvements at the park noting that the complex looks better than it has in the last 10-15 years. Work was done with 8 to 10 regular volunteers and corporations donating equipment, weed control, reseeding and fertilizer. The concessions need more equipment to generate more income but they are doing better. Concessions improvements are planned for next year if Rotary is willing to assist. Two fields were improved this year; the hope is to do 2 or 3 next year.

J.T. Hager moved that the Parks Advisory Board support the lighting at the Little League Fields. Jim Taylor seconded. Motion passed as follows: Loudon, Lawyer, Bradley, Klug, Taylor, Holland, Walsh and Hager with Juran absent.

Parks Foundation/Solar Eclipse Event: Donna Bradley reported that the Keizer Parks Foundation is moving forward with the solar eclipse park funding project in August 2017 and provided details. They have many ideas and will go to Council for approval.

Hidden Creek Park: J.T. Hager reported that four volunteers installed 49 parks rules signs in Hidden Creek Park along Labish Ditch. He voiced appreciation for Robert Johnson and added that many people have said thank you for installing the signs. Mr. Hager suggested that the park be made available for viewing the eclipse but that the cottonwood trees should be cut down for better viewing. ☺

Keizer Rapids Park Grant: Richard Walsh reported that the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department had formally announced the approval of the Keizer Rapids Park grant. The grant is for \$430,000 and the total Keizer investment was \$50,000 of new SDC money. There will be zero impact on the budget and it will include flush toilets, pathways and a rubberized fall surface at the Big Toy. Robert Johnson added that work will begin in the spring with the possibility of some tree removal in the winter. Matt Lawyer suggested that perhaps community organizations could be recruited to assist with the wood chip removal at the Big Toy.

Homegrown Theater: Matt Lawyer reported that Keizer Homegrown Theater would be presenting Twelfth Night at Shakespeare in the Park July 21 through 23.

ADJOURNMENT ~ Meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm.

Next Meeting: August 9, 2016

Approved: 8-9-16