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MINUTES

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

January 20, 2015

CARNEGIE BUILDING

413 W. Main St.

5:30 P.M.

Meeting called to order at 5:34 pm

10. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Cheryl Breeden, Rich Hansen, Frank Hoepfer, Kevin Keating (*arrived as noted), Jerry MacLeod, Dan Ratty. Council Liaisons – Chris Corcoran, Kevin Stine. Staff – Brian Sjothun, Rich Rosenthal, Pete Young, Jennifer Sparacino. Members Absent: Marie Cabler, Julian Cordle, Dr. Rizvi. Guests: Rita Alred.

20. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes were approved as submitted.

30. ORAL REQUESTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Mr. Sjothun introduced the new Council Liaisons Chris Corcoran and Kevin Stine. Mr. Ratty thanked Ms. Breeden and Mr. Keating for their service to the City.

40. NEW AND CONTINUED BUSINESS

40.1 U. S. Cellular Community Park Naming Recognition – Brian Sjothun

Mr. Sjothun requested that the Commission form a subcommittee to come up with recognition options for U. S. Cellular Community Park playing fields to be presented to City Council.

Motion: Move to approve the formation of a U. S. Cellular Community Park naming and recognition subcommittee. Motion made by Mr. MacLeod, seconded by Ms. Breeden. Motion passed unanimously. Mr. Hoepfer and Mr. Ratty volunteered to be on the committee, along with a Foundation Member and a past or present Business partner.

40.2 Cascade Christian Property Transfer – Brian Sjothun

Mr. Sjothun presented staff findings regarding property restrictions and advised that there are none. The Commission discussed the possibility of the City getting compensated for the property.

Motion: Direct Brian to negotiate with Cascade Christian to come up with a fair deal, with proceeds going to the foundation. Motion made by Mr. Hansen, seconded by Mr. MacLeod. Friendly amendment made to have Brian come back to the Commission for approval. Amendment accepted by maker of the motion and second. Motion passed unanimously.

40.3 Six-Year Capital Improvement Plan – Brian Sjothun

Mr. Sjothun presented a revised Six-Year Capital Improvement Plan including setting aside funds for future aquatic projects as requested by the Commission at their January 6th meeting.



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Motion: Move to approve option B of the Six-Year Capital Improvement Plan as presented and request that staff make such recommendation to the Budget Committee. Motion made by Mr. MacLeod, seconded by Mr. Hansen. Motion passed unanimously.

40.4 Joint Powers Board Appointment – Brian Sjothun

Mr. Sjothun requested that the Commission consider appointing him to the Joint Powers Board, with Tim Stevens acting as a technical advisor.

Motion: Move to recommend appointment of Brian Sjothun as the City of Medford Representative on the Joint Powers Board. Motion made by Ms. Breeden, seconded by Mr. Hoepfer. Friendly amendment was made thanking Jerry MacLeod for his service on the Board. Amendment accepted by maker of the motion and the second. Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Allred addressed the Commission as a member of the Skate Community and advised she has not received positive feedback from them regarding making the park multi-use. She requested be included in the Skate Park Study Session if possible and requested that the City match the funds set aside for maintenance. Mr. Sjothun asked the Commission if they would like to hear from each side at the study session and the consensus was yes. Brian will be in contact with Ms. Allred regarding the maintenance.

50. COMMITTEE REPORTS

50.1 Tree Committee – Mr. Hoepfer gave the Tree Committee Update, including their recommendation for appointments.

Motion: Approve appointment of Greg Applen, Richard Weed and Mary Sinclair to the Tree Committee. Motion made by Mr. Hoepfer, seconded by Mr. Hansen. Motion passed unanimously.

50.2 Prescott Park – Mr. Hoepfer asked about the process for trail building. Mr. Sjothun advised there are some hurdles to overcome. Mr. MacLeod asked about the status of the park being in the City limits. Mr. Sjothun advised it is in process.

50.3 Arts Commission – Mr. Sjothun referred to the minutes included in the agenda packet.

50.4 Bear Creek Greenway Joint Powers Board – Mr. MacLeod gave an update.

50.5 Medford Parks & Recreation Foundation – Mr. Sjothun gave an update.

50.6 Mayor's Youth Advisory Commission – Mr. Sjothun referred to the minutes included in the agenda packet and gave a brief update.

50.7 Cemetery Commission – Mr. Sjothun referred to the minutes included in the agenda packet and gave a brief update.

50.8 Distribution in Parks Subcommittee Report – Mr. Hansen gave an update, including advising that the committee is going to survey the folks doing the feeding. Mr. Corcoran added information regarding his meeting with residents at Aspens on the Creek.

Mr. MacLeod updated the Commission on the Committee working on designing a park for the SE Area.

60. STAFF REPORTS

60.1 Project Update Report – Mr. Sjothun referred to the information included in the agenda packet.

60.2 2015 Commission Meeting Schedule – Mr. Sjothun referred to the schedule in the agenda packet, bringing attention to the Feb 10th Commission Training, the Park Tour in July, the NRPA Conference in September, ORPA in November and Christmas gathering in December.

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Mr. Sjothun expressed his appreciation to Mr. Keating and Ms. Breeden for their work on the Commission.

60.3 Commission Training - February 10

70. MESSAGES, PAPERS, PROPOSALS AND REMARKS FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS

80. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6:54 pm.

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