

1 CITY OF COOS BAY
2 PARKS COMMISSION MINUTES OF
3 JUNE 19, 2014
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5 **Members Present:** Chair, Christine Coles; Commissioners Beverly Meyers;
6 Carmen Matthews and Jennifer Stephens
7 **Members Absent:** Commissioners Ariann Lyons; Bill Otton;
8 Mike Vaughan and Patty Scott
9 **Staff Present:** Randy Dixon, Operations Administrator, Pam Patton
10 **Guests Present:** None present
11 **Location:** City Hall Conference Room
12 Coos Bay City Hall – 500 Central Avenue
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16 **CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL / APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 20, 2014**

17 Chair Christine Coles called the meeting to order at 4:00pm
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19 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS –**

- 20 • KCBY PR Meeting on April 7th. Christine and Randy attended to present the Parks
21 Master Plan. The meeting was a bit challenging with their new virtual set.
22 • Christine and Randy also met with Friends of Mingus Park as well as the Downtown
23 Association. Both Christine and Randy tried to emphasize that any/all ideas need to be
24 submitted to the Parks Commission rather than separate individual parties pursuing their
25 agendas. They reminded them that there is a process to follow.

26 Christine shared a few thoughts the Friends of Mingus Park brought to the meeting. They
27 would like to see no fishing in the park and no dredging. They felt that the duck and
28 geese were being abused by the public. They also requested more signage in the park.
29 Friends of Mingus Park had concern for the ducklings that were falling through the
30 outfall. Randy mentioned that screens have been installed to prevent them from falling in
31 and being washed out into the bay. It will require more maintenance as debris will
32 collect causing the damming of water.

33 Randy and Christine felt the meeting went well and opened a door to communication and
34 sharing the Parks Master Plan Amenities.

- 35 • Mingus Pool Grant was submitted by April 4th. Randy presented the grant to Oregon
36 Parks and Recreations Board. It was well received. He announced that we were 1 among
37 39 applicants and we were rated tenth. The renovation involves a new tank, mechanical,
38 treatment system, heat exchanger, relocate boiler. We will do energy improvements as
39 well as re-plaster the pool, new tile, and dressing rooms. Total of grant is approximately
40 \$430,000. A determination will be made in 6 to 8 weeks. We are in a very favorable
41 position. Our application was solid and funding for the match is strong. This renovation
42 will be satisfying a goal that was laid out in the Parks Master Plan. Sometime in July or
43 August, he will begin to go forward with more PR by holding some meetings in Mingus
44 Park and presenting some design concepts.

45 With the grant submitted for the Mingus Pool Renovation, Randy will concentrate on the
46 grant process for the Dog Park.
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49 **NEW BUSINESS –**

50 Christine asked that Mingus Park's hours be reconsidered and brought before the City Council.
51 Currently the park is open 24hrs and she would like to see the park closed from 11pm to 5am.
52 She felt there was too much activity taking place during those hours and didn't feel safe living
53 nearby. During their discussion, they expressed worry with the park open 24hrs as it makes
54 enforcement difficult. The bombing episode earlier in the year and continued vandalism is a
55 concern as the Parks Master Plan is implemented with replacement/new construction soon to get
56 underway. Randy stated that he would like to look into all of the facilities and their operational
57 hours. With no further discussion, Chair Coles asked if there was a motion.

58 Motion: Commissioner Stephens motioned for a recommendation to go to Council,
59 requesting that Mingus Park be closed during the hours of 11pm to 5am.

60 Second: Commissioner Matthews

61 Vote: Aye's unanimous, motion carried.

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63 **COMMISSIONERS CLOSING COMMENTS –**

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65 Egyptian Theater dedication was scheduled for Friday, June 20th at 5pm. The theater is
66 reopening after structural and façade improvements.

67 A no-smoking ban is in effect for the City's Boardwalk. It had been ruled by Council on
68 Tuesday, June 17th. Randy mentioned that it is best with the scheduling of an expansion to the
69 docks. He also would like the Council to look at the library and all public places having a no
70 smoking ban put into effect.

71 Randy updated the Commissioners that there is concern with ODOT/Federal funding being
72 placed on hold from now forward to 2015/2016 year. They will not be sponsoring any loans
73 during this time. The Empire Blvd transportation enhancement project's funding was submitted
74 prior and felt it will move forward without interruption.

75 Commissioner Meyers inquired about the flags on the Boardwalk. Has flags been ordered for
76 those that are missing? Randy stated that there was discussion regarding the flags and nothing
77 has been decided at this time. He did say that the poles are of a resin product that is filled with
78 sand. With the constant movement, it has produced fractures that in time could splinter off
79 creating a problem.

80 Commissioner Matthews expressed his concern over how the wind whips the banner that is
81 attached to the poles in the northwest corner of the public parking lot on south Broadway. Randy
82 would like to see the City move away from banners and go an LED board installed in two
83 locations, the 'Welcome to Coos Bay' signs north and south of town, that would announce
84 upcoming events. The engineering requirements on the install of poles to support banners are
85 substantial that the cost would easily be over \$12,000 per pole anchor.

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87 **ADJOURNMENT**

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89 **There being no further business to come before the Parks Commission, by**
90 **consensus of the Parks Commission, Chair adjourned the meeting at 4:53pm.**

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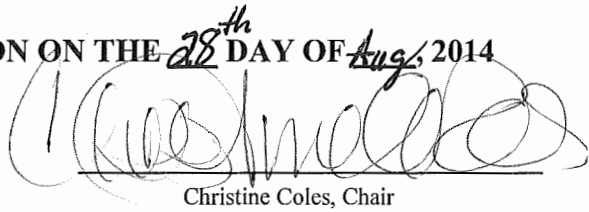
94 Pamela Patton,

95 Public Works

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APPROVED BY THE PARKS COMMISSION ON THE ^{28th} DAY OF ~~Aug.~~ 2014



Christine Coles, Chair

Attest: 
Pamela Patton, Staff