1 2 3 4	COOS BAY PARKS COMMISSION MINUTES AUGUST 20, 2020
5 6 7	The minutes of the proceedings of a regular meeting of the Parks Commission of the City of Coos Bay, Coos County, Oregon, held at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 500 Central Avenue, Coos Bay, Oregon.
8	Those Attending
9 10 11 12	Those present were City Staff, Randy Dixon, Operations Administrator, and Kelli Burnette. Attending remotely by teleconference were Commissioners Ariann Lyons, Bill Davis, and Bill Otton, and Sam Crawley. Also attending remotely by teleconference was Sami Pierson, Library Director.
13	It was noted a quorum was not present.
14	Approval of the January 16, 2020 Meeting Minutes
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16	Approval of the February 27, 2020 Meeting Minutes
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18	Citizen Input
19	There was none.
20	Story Walk in the Park
21 22 23	Library Director, Sami Pierson discussed the Coos Bay Public Library's request to establish "Story Walk in the Park" in Mingus Park to encourage physical and literacy activity for community members in the park environment.
24 25 26	Staff Member Dixon and Ms. Pierson discussed maintenance of the kiosks. Ms. Pierson explained they are not requesting Parks Staff to maintain the kiosks and that maintenance would be done by Library Staff.
27 28	Chair Lyons and Ms. Pierson discussed how often the books would be updated. Ms. Pierson advised they would be updated at least quarterly.
29 30 31	Commissioners Sean Gibbs, Beverly Meyers, and Carmen Matthews joined the meeting remotely via teleconferencing. It was noted a quorum was now present.
32 33 34 35	Commissioner Matthews moved and Commissioner Davis seconded the motion to approve the Story Walk in the Park. Chair Lyons asked if there were any objections. There were none. Motion carried by unanimous vote.
36 37	Staff Member Dixon advised Ms. Pierson that he will present the Parks Commission recommendation to City Council for approval.
38 39	Commissioner Davis asked about placement during and after the dredging of the pond. It was noted the kiosks could easily be relocated.
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Dangerous Tree in Mingus Park

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Staff Member Dixon reported the tree in Mingus Park that was an issue during the sewer project is old, deceased and decaying and will have to be removed. Staff Member Dixon reported the issue will be brought to the Tree Board for recommended removal.

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- 48 Commissioner Davis moved and Commissioner Matthews seconded the motion to remove the
- 49 dangerous tree in Mingus Park. Chair Lyons asked if there were any objections. There were none.
- 50 Motion carried by unanimous vote.

51 Request for Lending Library

- 52 Staff Member Dixon reported on the request by Annie Pollard for a lending library in Mingus Park
- 53 stating the they have become popular throughout many communities and believes it is a good idea,
- 54 and can be installed anywhere. Staff Member Dixon reported Ms. Pollard has offered to supply
- 55 the books and maintain the library and asked the Commission for a recommendation to move
- 56 forward.

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Commissioner Matthews recused himself from the discussion and voting.

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- 60 Commissioner Crawley moved and Commissioner Gibbs seconded the motion to move forward
- 61 with the installation of the lending library in Mingus Park. Chair Lyons asked if there were any
- 62 objections. There were none. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

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64 Staff Member Dixon reported the recommendation will go to City Council.

65 Appointment of Tree Board Representative

- 66 Staff Member Dixon reported Chair Lyons' term on the Tree Board will be expiring and a
- 67 replacement is necessary. Commissioner Matthews volunteered to be the Parks Commission
- 68 representative on the Tree Board if Chair Lyons no longer wished to do so. Chair Lyons and
- 69 Commissioner Matthews discussed placement on the Tree Board and Commissioner Matthews
- accepted the position. Staff will make the recommendation to Council for appointment.

71 Mingus Park Project Updates

- 72 Staff Member Dixon reported the design is at 95% and the City should be able to apply for the
- 73 ODFW grant and OPRD grant during their application period, September through December 2020.
- 74 Staff Member Dixon indicated he believes the ODFW grant for the dredging is all but a slam dunk.
- 75 Staff Member Dixon also reported that the City has received a call from a community member
- 76 who would like to donate funds to a City playground structure. Staff Member Dixon indicated
- more information would be provided regarding the possible donation at a later date, that the issue
- 78 would come before the Commission for review, and a plaque would likely be made to
- 79 commemorate the donation.

80 Possible Park Development Locations

- 81 The Commission and Staff discussed the two possible locations identified earlier this year off of
- 82 Ocean Blvd. The Commission discussed pros and cons of each location and decided their first
- 83 choice to recommended to City Council would be the City/Waterboard property behind Cascade
- 84 Farm and Outdoor and FedEx. The Commission discussed access to that property noting an
- 85 easement would be required and potential relocation of the stop light. The possibility of working
- 86 with the Lindy Lane developer for development of Lindy Lane access was also discussed.

87 The Consensus of the Commission was to recommend as option A the property behind Cascade 88 Farm and Outdoor and as option B the property near Anderson Avenue to City Council for 89 potential park development. 90 Approval of the January 16, 2020 Meeting Minutes 91 Chair Lyons called for a motion to approve the Minutes. 92 Commissioner Matthews moved and Commissioner Crawley seconded the motion to approve the 93 January 16, 2020 minutes as presented. Motion carried by unanimous vote. Approval of the February 27, 2020 Meeting Minutes 94 95 Chair Lyons called for a motion to approve the minutes. 96 Commissioner Matthews moved and Commissioner Crawley seconded the motion to approve the 97 February 27, 2020 minutes as presented. Motion carried by unanimous vote. 98 **Commissioner Closing Comments** 99 Commissioner Matthews stated he is sad to see the dangerous tree in Mingus Park removed, but 100 understands, and praised the City Parks crew for their hard work as well as Kathy at the pool for 101 doing such a great job managing the pool, schedules and swim lessons. 102 Chair Lyons also completed the Parks crew and volunteer Bev Myers for their continued hard work and efforts. Commissioner Meyers commented that things are moving smoothly and will likely be 103 reaching out to Staff for some help in the near future. 104 105 Commissioner Davis commented on the Mingus Park dredging indicating it will make a great 106 improvement to Mingus Park. 107 Staff and the Commission discussed the maintenance and removal of ivy from City trees. Staff Member Dixon reported City staff takes care of that and also partners with the Coos Watershed 108 for some of that. 109 110 Adjourn 111 There being no further business to come before the Parks Commission, by consensus of the Parks 112 Commission, Chair Lyons adjourned the meeting at 5:05 p.m. 113 APPROVED BY THE PARKS COMMISSION ON THE 22nd DAY OF OCTOBER 2020. 114

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