

**CITY OF COOS BAY CITY COUNCIL**  
**Agenda Staff Report**

MEETING DATE	AGENDA ITEM NUMBER
June 21, 2016	

TO: Mayor Shoji and City Councilors  
FROM: Jim Hossley, Public Works Director *JH*  
THROUGH: Rodger Craddock, City Manager *RC*  
ISSUE: Consider Change to Mingus Park Hours of Operation

**BACKGROUND:**

On November 1, 2011 the City Council approved having Mingus Park open 24 hours a day. A change from the previous dawn to 11 p.m. The Boardwalk and the City's two boat ramps are open 24 hours per day. All other City parks are restricted to day use only (dawn to dusk). Council stated they would revisit the Mingus Park schedule and it has been several years since the change was made. City staff has notice increase of transient traffic and homeless camps in the wooded area of the park. Increased vandalism has also been noted. Several plants have been damaged in the Choshi Garden area, which resulted in several hours of volunteer labor and staff hours to rehab the damaged area. The Parks Commission recommends that Mingus Park's open hours be changed back to dawn to 11 p.m. for of the following reasons:

- Increase in vandalism (Choshi Gardens, Graffiti).
- Increase in transient population.
- Increase in Police calls.
- Increase in staff hours to clear homeless sites within park.

**POLICE LOG AS OF APRIL 2016:**

- 2011 – 3 (Response Calls)
- 2012 – 8 (Response Calls)
- 2013 – 19 (Response Calls)
- 2014 – 16 (Response Calls)
- 2015 – 11 (Response Calls)
- 2016 – 5 (Response Calls)

**ADVANTAGES:**

If Mingus Park is closed at night, Police may lawfully approach individuals in the park after hours and have them leave the premises. Changing the Mingus Park hours to dawn to 11 p.m. will help reduce the amount vandalism and help control homeless camps.

**DISADVANTAGES:**

None.

**BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:**

Will reduce expenditure on material and services in Mingus Park.

**ACTION REQUESTED:**

If it pleases council, change Mingus Park open hours back to dawn to 11 p.m.