

CITY OF COOS BAY
MINUTES OF THE PARKS COMMISSION

November 10, 2011

Parks Commission members present: Chairperson, Christine Coles, Commissioner Ariann Lyons, Commissioner Beverly Meyers, and Commissioner Bill Otton

Not Present: Commissioner Patty Scott

Staff present: Public Works and Development Director Jim Hossley, Operations Administrator Randy Dixon, Police Captain Chris Chapanar, and Codes / Planning Specialist Lisa Ekelund

Guests present: None

Location: Mingus Park

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL / APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Chairperson Coles called the meeting to order at 4:05 pm.

Commissioner Coles made the motion to approve the 10/10/2011 meeting minutes as presented. Commissioner Meyers seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote of two ayes and one abstain (Commissioner Lyons).

2. CITIZEN INPUT / PUBLIC COMMENT – None

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Empire Lakes and Eastside Boat Ramp Park Host Eviction Notice

Randy Dixon explained that there were maintenance issues at each of the parks. There was mischievous activity and in some instances, the hosts were adding to the issues. Because of this, the park hosts at Empire Lakes, and at the Eastside Boat Ramp Park have been evicted. The City has received applications for the replacements.

4. NEW BUSINESS

- Mingus Park Hours of Operation

Commissioner Otton and Captain Chris Chapanar arrived to the meeting at 4:10 pm.

Jim Hossley stated that the topic of the Mingus Park hours of operation was brought before the City Council. The Council requested that the Police Department look into this and provide a recommendation. The police recommended against extending the hours of operation to 24-hours a day and the Council voted to increase the hours with the provision that the topic is re-addressed after one-year. The Council has also asked that the Parks Commission provide a methodology to measure the positive user groups and issues that occur in the park.

Commissioner Lyons asked when the cameras will be installed and Randy Dixon replied stating that they are in the process of ordering the cameras.

Chairperson Coles asked why the Council decided to extend the hours and what was the logic behind the decision.

Jim Hossley stated the Council believed that limiting the hours of operation because of the activities of a few people should not dictate the hours of operation for all of those who wish to use the park.

5. OLD BUSINESS

- Update on Eastside Boat Ramp

Randy Dixon stated that they are in the process of getting a wetland delineation and once everything is completed, they will prepare the documentation for the grant opportunity.

- Update on Pedway / CCAT Transportation Station

Jim Hossley stated that there are two proposed locations and the newest proposal has 17 less parking spaces with public space on either side for items such as restrooms.

Randy Dixon gave detailed descriptions of the width and placement of the sidewalks.

Jim Hossley stated the plans will go before the Urban Renewal Agency along with the information from the Design Review Committee. The Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) has approved the plan but the access permit application is still in progress.

The Commission continued its discussion of the pros and cons of each location.

6. UNSCHEDULED ITEMS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA

Randy Dixon stated that he plans on scheduling the Parks Commission work session tentatively on January 19, 2012 and also, the city is moving forward on the seismic project.

Jim Hossley stated that during the seismic project, meetings will be held in different venues such as the Library or the Fire Department. Jim also stated that the land donation as recommended by the Parks Commission during its October 2011 meeting was accepted by the City Council and they are in the process of getting a title report.

7. COMMISSIONER'S CLOSING COMMENTS

Commissioner Otton stated that he is looking forward to moving ahead with the work session.

Chairperson Coles stated that there are many important things going on and all input is valuable.

8. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Parks Commission, by consensus of the Commission, Chairperson Coles adjourned the meeting at 4:29 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Public Works and Development Department

APPROVED BY THE PARKS COMMISSION ON THE 8th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2011.