

GRANTS PASS PARKS ADVISORY BOARD
Meeting Minutes – January 14, 2016 at 3:30 PM
City Manager’s Conference Room

Members in Attendance:

Dick Matti (Chair)
Cliff Kuhlman (Vice Chair)
Jan Battersby - Absent
Gary Still - Absent
Marian Szewc
Robert Cartmell – Arrived late
Rick Chapman
Bill Reinert

City/Staff/Council Liaisons:

Lora Glover (PCD Director)
Jim Goodwin (City Council)

Guests:

Dennis Dreher (COPA)
Julie Imhof (COPA)

I. Business – Continuing:

- A. Approval of Minutes:** December 2015 meeting

MOTION/VOTE

Board Member Chapman moved and Board Member Kuhlman seconded to approve the minutes as presented from the December 10, 2015 meeting. The vote resulted as follows: “AYES”: Board Members Matti, Kuhlman, Szewc, Chapman, and Reinert. “NAYS”: None.

Abstain: None. Absent: Board Members Battersby, Still, and Cartmell. The motion passed.

II. Business – New:

A. Riverside Park Project

1. Active Club would like to be in control of the proposed bandstand platform area. With their cooperation we may be able to have services donated. If the City heads the project completely we will not be able to accept the help due to Davis-Bacon. Active Club will be presenting their suggestion to City Council.
2. Administration wants to make the Riverside project larger so that it can appeal to a wider range project.
3. Went over table sent by active club to hire engineer to draw civil plans. ZCS and Bill Galli will likely be reached out to. Estimated \$70,000 for engineered drawings. The drawings may be more complex and there will be additional permits needed through FEMA due to a large sewer main close to the river and part of the property being in the floodway.
4. Originally suggested putting parking where the current disk golf area is, we will not be moving that area due to heavy use from the community. Potential to add landscaping for privacy for close by residents and to add appeal for people driving on 6th Street.
5. Made headway with Chamber of Commerce to have concerts in the park, however we may need additional equipment to make the soundstage work for their needs – possibly portable soundproofing similar to Britt.
6. Jeff is looking into who owns the portable concert stage, Chamber or City?
7. Need engineered drawings to present anything to Duck Derby or possible corporations for funds.

8. The idea of a possible Community Center at Riverside was discussed. Lora will bring a map of the floodplain next meeting to show exactly where we might put the potential Community Center. It will be better to use property already owned for center as buying property might be out of budget
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MOTION/VOTE

Board Member Chapman moved and Board Member Kuhlman seconded to approve the proposal that Member Matti will present at the Strategic Planning meeting for the Parks Advisory Board. The vote resulted as follows: "AYES": Board Members Matti, Kuhlman, Szewc, Chapman, Cartmell, and Reinert. "NAYS": None. Abstain: None. Absent: Board Members Battersby and Still. The motion passed.

B. Other Park and Committee News

1. Two new security cameras have been installed. One at Reinhart and two on either side of the pedestrian bridge.
2. There were concerns about the gates being closed by other committees. Due to public safety issues the gates will need to be closed at dark. Hours will be extended as it says lighter, later.
3. Little League has finally joined the Allen Creek Sports Park Task Force and are excited about the potential for the community.

C. COPA

1. Dennis mentioned that COPA has discussed putting a possible community center or a museum at the forest service property that might become available. COPA would like to work with other committees to collaborate on making this center a reality.
2. COPA would like to have public art at the refreshed Riverside Park they would like to provide input on where we can add public art and be involved in the process, not the actual structure but how it looks when complete.
3. It was suggested that COPA reach out to either James Lowe or Jim Hubbard (at Jim Sigel) to discuss the Active Club role in the Riverside Project.
4. High school might be playing games at Reinhart Park. If so they might be able to help come up with funds to assist with the replacement of the scoreboard.

III. Next meeting: February 11, 2016 at 3:30 PM in the City Manager's Conference Room

These minutes were prepared by Carlie Paulsen, Administration Department, City of Grants Pass.