

PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes – July 8, 2021 at 3:15 PM
Ridge Room

Members in Attendance:

Susan Jenkins (Chair)
Cliff Kuhlman (Vice Chair)
Jan Battersby – Arrived Later
John Blackett
Chad Thorson
Michael Sellers

City/Staff/Council Liaisons:

Joel King (City Councilor)
Wendy Giordano (Parks Superintendent)
Ken Garrison (Parks Supervisor)

Guests:

Brian DeLaGrange (City Councilor)
Chad Westbrook (Parks)

1. Roll Call:

- o Chair Jenkins called the meeting to order at 3:17 pm and roll was taken.

2. Introductions:

3. Public Comment:

4. Approval of Minutes:

MOTION/VOTE

Vice Chair Kuhlman moved, and Member Blackett seconded the motion to approve the minutes from May 13, 2021 as presented. The vote resulted as follows: “AYES”: Chair Jenkins, Vice Chair Kuhlman, Members Thorson, Sellers, Chapman and Blackett. “NAYS”: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Member Battersby. The motion passed.

5. Action Items:

a. Caveman Pool Review Team

1. Councilor King went over the Pool Committees last meeting and reviewed their discussion. At the last meeting location was the primary discussion. It was felt that Riverside, Fruitdale Park and RVP should not be selected because they are either too small, too busy with other things or have water table issues. These locations would be crowded and wasted opportunity. The existing location is a poor location unless the surrounding fields can be used. They also discussed maybe coordinating with District 7 and putting the pool at North or South Middle Schools.

It appears from the group that there are four preferred locations. One being Redwood Park which requires adequate space. Two being Allen Creek Reserve which requires adequate parking and access. Three being the existing location at Grants Pass High School which requires collaboration with District 7 and room for expansion and parking. Four being either South or North Middle School where there is plenty of room.

The members went over their top picks for location and discussed the pros and cons. Allen Creek was one of the top choices with the pros being that there is a lot of land and room and that we would have a clean slate. The con being that we would have more expenses building from scratch.

The second choice would be to keep it in the same location with the pros being that we would save money on SDC charges and other fees. The cons being lack of space and lack of parking.

2. Councilor King requested that everyone share their reasoning behind their preferences.
3. The Committee is voting today to go to the Public Meeting with a hypothesis and then we will get feedback from the public, the Committee will then come back and discuss the public feedback and make their recommendations. The Public Meeting will have two proposed actions. One possibility would be Caveman Pool and the other would-be Allen Creek. The Committee will discuss the original location with upgrades and a new build and whether it will be covered or uncovered.
4. Brian DeLaGrange spoke with the School Superintendent to get his feel on keeping the original location. He stated that the School District would like the pool to stay where it is at. They use it a lot. He brought up the concern of parking as it seems that location has parking concerns. They brainstormed a couple of ideas to mitigate the parking problem. One was to take the existing tennis courts and turn them into more parking. They could then move the tennis courts to the other side of the track. They also discussed moving the entire pool property over to the grassy area 20 to 30 feet and put angled parking down the side on Wharton.

6. Review Parks Advisory Committee Applicants:

- a. The Committee Discussed applicants for the vacant Parks spot. Members gave their first and second choice as to who they want to nominate for membership.
- b. The Committee gave 5 votes for Shane Hickman. Susan will create a paragraph with their decision to turn in to Council.

7. Matters from Committee Members and Staff

- a. Chad gave an update on the B Street Jumps at Loveless Park. He stated that we were selected for The International Mountain Bike Association Dig In Program. It is a crowd sourcing tool and marketing tool. Kind of like Go Fund Me. Parks has started crowd sources. July 1, 2021, they went live. Parks is at \$850. Once they hit \$2000 the International Mountain Bike Association will match it dollar for dollar.
- b. Wendy went over parks projects and informed the Committee of a \$150,000 grant from the State Marine Board for Baker Park. It is one of the largest grants awarded in the State.
- c. Wendy explained that the recreation contractor is going to terminate their contract July 31, 2021.
- d. Councilor King asked Councilor DeLaGrange because he is on the School Board to come back to the Committee after speaking with the School Board with the possibility of the existing pool to expand the pool 50 yards by 25 yards and the parking issues be dealt with and just let the Committee know how the School Board feels about that.

8. Future Agenda Building for Next Meeting

a. Caveman Pool Review Team Meeting

1. Length of Pool? 25 or 50 yards. 6 lanes.
2. Roof or no roof.
3. An aquatic center

9. Adjournment: Chair Jenkins adjourned the meeting at 4:55p.m.

Next scheduled meeting: August 12, 2021

Minute prepared by Jayme Hyatt, Community Development Department.