



Coburg Parks | Tree Committee

City Hall, 91136 N. Willamette St. | by Zoom

Coburg, OR

January 18, 2022 – 5:30 p.m.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Mary Mosier, Chair; Lonna Meston, Coleen Marshall, Joe Morneau, Claire Smith and Karen Coury.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Tom Beatty.

STAFF PRESENT: Brian Harmon, Public Works.

1. Call Meeting to Order

Chair Mosier opened the Park & Tree Committee meeting at 5:30 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Mr. Harmon called roll. A quorum was present.

3. Agenda Review

There were no changes made to the agenda.

Mr. Morneau informed the committee that the World Athletic Championships (Track and Field) would be July 15, 2022 – July 24, 2022 and attendees would be looking for activities outside of Eugene.

Ms. Coury stated if time allowed she would like to do a book review of Douglas Tallamy's book, Nature's Best Hope.

4. Approve Minutes from October 2021, November 2021 and December 2021

It was determined that the minutes were correct for October 2021.

MOTION: Ms. Smith moved and Ms. Coury seconded a motion to approve the October 2021 minutes.

Motion passed.

Changes to the November 2021 minutes were: Page 2 Item 6 – Plaza Ideas for Pavilion Park – Ms. Marshall stated the word, plans, should be replaced by the word, ideas. Ms. Marshall also stated that the following paragraph noted a comment credited to her which was not made by her; it was determined that the statement was made by Chair Mosier.

MOTION: Mr. Morneau moved and Ms. Marshall seconded the motion to approve the minutes for November 2021 with the changes noted above.

Motion passed.

It was noted that the December 2021 minutes approval would need to be postponed for a month due to errors.

5. City Updates/City Administrator Report

There were no questions.

6. Committee Business

- Committee Work Plan, Council Report, and Capital List Review

Chair Mosier queried if there were any goal changes from 2021; Mr. Harmon responded in the affirmative stating receipt of the grant for Pavilion Park would be a big goal. Ms. Smith added that another would be the continuation of work on upgrades for Pavilion Park. Chair Mosier presented a colored chart which displayed what goals were in progress and which were complete.

Ms. Smith asked how the committee would be pursuing donations for parks to which Ms. Marshall additionally questioned how the public would be informed when, and if, there was a need. It was suggested that posting this, as well as work parties, on the City Website, Facebook and the city newsletter, would be good outreach.

Mr. Harmon suggested the committee list any, and all, goal suggestions (i.e. playing field). Ms. Smith added that grouping goals into short and long term would be advantageous.

- Elections

Chair Mosier questioned if elections should be postponed due to the absence of Tom Beatty; Mr. Harmon responded that would not be in keeping with the bylaws. Ms. Marshall nominated Chair Mosier as Chair and Mr. Beatty as Vice Chair.

MOTION: Mr. Morneau moved the nominations be approved, as stated above, and Ms. Smith seconded.

Vote passed.

- Review of Pavilion Park Plaza Conception

Mr. Harmon informed the group that the timeline to pull everything together for the Pavilion Park Plaza would be February 22, 2022. He then introduced Alexis Griffin, of

Cameron McCarthy Landscape Architecture & Planning who would have a draft ready for the February meeting which is scheduled for February 15, 2020. Mr. Harmon added that additional meetings would be scheduled, if necessary. The committee expressed concern as to whether the landscape firm would be hired and Mr. Harmon assured them the City of Eugene had used the McCarthy firm in the past and they would be picking up the bill. Additionally the committee would be able to review any plans before they would be approved.

- Pickle Ball Court

Chair Mosier said she would be happy with cutting the basketball court in half and using one side for basketball and one for pickle ball; the committee agreed.

- Upcoming Work Party Plan

Chair Mosier commented that work parties had been put on hold due to the weather. Ms. Marshall responded that there would still be projects that needed work including Jacobs Parks planting area that would need cleaning. She continued by questioning how to go about purchasing color spot plants from Johnson Brothers and Mr. Harmon responded that there is an account there and the committee could purchase what they needed.

- Coburg Creek Subdivision Park Sub Committee

Chair Mosier stated this project would be postponed to a later date as the committee is currently too busy with other projects.

- Tree Donations

Chair Mosier questioned when the donated trees from Bosley and Robbins would be planted adding that planting is on hold until the weather improved.

- Children's Table Placement

Chair Mosier asked for a suggestion as to placement of the children's table at Norma Pfeiffer Park and Ms. Marshall suggested the southwest corner, by the swing set and inside the concrete, would be a good place providing there would be clearance between the table and the swing set. Another suggestion was Johnny Diamond Park near the house and behind the bench/play area.

- Committee Work Plan, Council Report, and Capital List Review (continued)

Ms. Mosier stated the following items were reported to the council in October.

1. Created donation process
2. Veterans bench installed
3. Pavilion Park Plaza work
4. Work party
5. Met with representative from across the highway
6. Annexation

Mr. Harmon asked if all the committee members were on the council as that would be a violation of bylaws and was assured they were not.

Chair Mosier queried if the committee needed to look at the code for the green space at Pavilion Park which according to the colored charted indicated that it was not listed as a city park but could possibly be used for other activities. Mr. Morneau responded that the ad hoc committee would do a code review.

Chair Mosier will meet with Ann Heath regarding capital improvements. Mr. Harmon added that a capital list review would be done following the upcoming retreat, around February 15, 2022.

7. Book Report

Ms. Coury presented a review of the book, Nature's Best Hope, which examines the benefits of planting native trees and plants rather than non-native species. She further commented that the book posits that insects, birds, etc., will find the native plants instinctively.

8. Adjournment

Chair Mosier adjourned the meeting at 6:56 p.m.

(Minutes recorded by Marlene Hockema)

APPROVED by Park | Tree Committee on this 16th day of February 2022.

Mary Mosier, Chair

ATTEST:

Sammy L. Egbert, City Recorder