



PARKS AND TRAILS COMMISSION

Monday, May 13, 2024 at 4:00 PM

DRAFT MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chair Lynne Pettit
Commissioner Jerry Belcher
Commissioner Howard Blumenthal
Vice Chair Scott Jacobson
Commissioner Dana Lathrope
Commissioner Paul Barlow
Commissioner Nick Hellmich

MEMBERS ABSENT

Commissioner Jacob Woodruff

STAFF PRESENT

Brandon Sundeen, City Councilor
Melisa Gaelrun-Maggi, Parks Administrative Assistant

CALL TO ORDER 4pm

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1-Approve April Minutes
Edit Dana as chair.

Motion made by Commissioner Blumenthal.

Voting Yea: Chair Pettit, Commissioner Belcher, Commissioner Blumenthal, Commissioner Jacobson

NEW BUSINESS

2-Welcome new Commissioners - Pettit

Pettit welcomed Nick to PTC and asked if there were any parks he would like to work on. He stated McC nob and Campbell.

The awarding of the Oregon Parks Foundation grant of 2500 for signage was discussed.

3-Milton Creek Woodland Reserve Sub-Committee - Jacobson

Scott began his Milton Creek presentation.

Scott spoke with Dana and Nick and would like to appoint them to the Milton Creek sub-comm. Dana had some questions about the project first as she received a call from Lynne. Dana was under the impression that everyone was in cooperation on the project and now has heard that there is conflict and wants clarification. Lynne would like to hold a special meeting about all those issues and not talk about them now. Scott would like to talk about them now as it concerns an appointment of the subcommittee. Lynne told him to wait and stop. Scott told her to stop and read the bylaws. Scott asked for discussion at this time.

Roberts Rules of order was pointed out that in order to close or end the discussion you need a 2/3 vote. Scott asked Dana to repeat her question and concerns.

Dana wants to know if there is a clear intention of what the project is suppose to be. Scott feels that proposal outline is clear and that it has not changed since day one. Dana says that is not what Lynne said and that she has resigned and is started her own project for that same area. Scott stated that for that to happen she would have to start her own sub-committee or dissolve the current subcommittee.

Dana asked for Jerry's input. Jerry stated that Lynne has been working on that project for a long time but that while Lynne was on vacation the Port asked for a presentation that had a positive response. Jerry stated that in his opinion this will be a long endeavor and there is room for both Scott and Lynne's projects. If the City even gives them the land. But at this time they are not working together. He feels at this time there should be just one sub-committee that deals with the City and the Port. Both Lynne and Scott have done a lot of good work and the project is important.

Jerry asked Brandon how he thinks they should resolve and work forward? Scott wanted to clarify that he has asked Lynne multiple times to come back to the sub-committee.

Brandon stated that if this project goes before the council it needs to be as a unified front. Under the articles the sub-committee chair is in charge of delegating tasks. He thinks it okay for different people to work on different parts of the project but it should be one sub-committee.

Jerry shared how his Urban Trail sub-committee has worked.

Brandon thinks that a special meeting just about this topic would be a good idea as there is much to discuss.

Dana would like to make a motion to halt discussions until a special meeting.

Scott seconded but Scott pointed out that there is now two meetings which he has been tried to be stopped from discussing his project.

Jerry feels he should be able to make his presentation.

Paul feels that if we are going to have a special meeting about it why don't we save everything for that meeting. Lynne pointed out that we have 15 items on the agenda. Dana pointed out that she in no way meant to stifle Scott but that she is concerned about

Nick asked Scott what would make him feel more comfortable. Scott said he would feel better to do his presentation and make his points.

Dana redacted her motion. Lynne asked if he could do his motion in less than 10 minutes. Scott pointed out that Lynne took an hour to do her presentation last meeting.

Blumenthal stated that he does not like what is going on at this meeting and he does not like saying it, but he feels the presentation should wait.

Jerry told Scott to just get on with his presentation.

Scott picked up with his presentation where he left off on page 2. Went over the timeline as he knew it. He asked for feedback before moving on to his future vision for the area. He then asked for feedback before giving his timeline for the future.

Lynne asked to stop and move on to other agenda items. Scott said that it was agreed to hear the presentation. Jerry agreed.

Scott went on with his presentation. When done with his presentation Scott agreed to hold off on his observations in the interest of time. Members are doing a field trip on the 25th of May.

Lynne brought talking points about Milton Creek Project. Scott objected as they all agreed to only do the presentation not discussion. Lynne stated that they are talking points not discussion items. Scott asked Lynne ignored him and Scott asked

4-Park Assignments - Jacobson

Scott feels that there should be two people on each park not just one. Scott made a motion that there should be two people. Dana seconded. Lynne feels that this is a burden. Paul feels this is unnecessary as well as a rule. He prefers it as a recommendation.

Lynne asked Dana which park she wanted to be assigned to. Dana stated she wanted to keep Grey Cliffs and be back-up for Japanese Gardens.
Scott withdrew motion.

5-Memorial Process - Jacobson

Scott wants the city to come up with the process for memorial benches in the parks. Scott made a motion. It was recommended that wait until buck is available.

6-Urban Trail Sub-Committee - Belcher

As the other new member is not in attendance he will wait until the next meeting to try and get new members.

7-Phone Booth in McCormick - Hellmich

A citizen asked to put an old phone booth in McCormick Park as a universal prayer place. Jerry would like the citizen to come in person and give her vision, he would also like Buck's input.

8-Disc Golf maintenance - Hellmich

Stated that he would like to start some sort of volunteer rotation for maintenance of the golf course. We will discuss with Buck when he returns.

9-Grey Cliff off-leash area - Blumenthal

Was told by citizens that they were attacked by a large off-leash dog. He feels that the area is not well marked with signs. He would like code enforcement to patrol the park. Dana would like to meet with howard and look over the park.

10-Pedestrian traffic during construction - Blumenthal

Howard does not feel that the contractors are placing their signs well for sidewalk traffic in the construction zone downtown. He asked if Brandon could bring this concern back to Council. Brandon does not believe that the council would have anything to do with that. He pointed Howard towards Public works or engineering department. Dana stated that the city has been great updating local businesses about construction changes.

11-Dalton Lake presentation - Pettit

12-Walnut Park presentation – Pettit

Park presentation saved for next month in the interest of saving time.

13-City Council Annual Report - Pettit

Lynne will be giving the annual report to the council next month, so she needs park updates from last year.

14-SUP Impact Assessments - Lathrope

Dana wants a post special use permit impact statement on the environment that includes (see last page of the slide)

Jerry asked if the event is done every year, do they have to take actions to mitigate the items from previous report? dana confirmed and said that she thought about this because of the talk about 13 nights being moved to the park. Paul stated that the city takes almost all of these into consideration already and that all this does is force them to provide it to ptc. Dana said that while she agrees that it is on the permit she does not feel that the post event follow up takes place. Howard feels that the more people that are going to be in attendance the more scrutiny there should be.

OLD BUSINESS**15 - Milton Creek Proposal - Pettit**

Lynne brought in maps for the Milton Creek area and went through the markings, fields, creek, and trails. She stated that she has been working with a naturalist for the last year on identifying species.

Jerry asked how many acres she is asking for for her reserve. she stated about 45 as well as space for parking. Brandon pointed out on the map the portions that the city is looking to sell.

COUNCILOR'S REPORT

Reminded everyone the Columbia View Park will be closed for at least a year for construction, but the docks and bathrooms will be open. Jerry is concerned that the construction zones will disrupt his Urban Trail kiosk plans.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Lynne would like to create an onboarding process for the new commission members. She would like them to get a tour with Buck.

Howard would like everyone to start thinking about a summer field trip. Jerry feels that the May 25? trip could be the summer field trip.

ADJOURNMENT 6:26pm