

**City of West Linn**  
**Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Summary Notes**  
**November 9, 2017**

**Members Present:** Don Kingsborough, Steve Miesen, Scott Etheridge, Sarah Silvernail & Dave Kleinke

**Staff Present:** Ken Worcester, Ken Warner & Steven Murschel (Esteban)

**Council Liaison:** Mayor Axelrod

**Guests:** Steve Conkle, Darlene Conkle, Dave Wells & Cindy Mendoza – MIG.

**Meeting called to order by Don at 7:00 pm**

- 1. Approval of tonight's agenda** with changes: add Beaver Project report & Willamette River Trail.

**Motion by Don and seconded by Scott to approve agenda. Motion Passed**

- 2. Community Comments –**

- a. The guests were in attendance for a Pickleball conversation. It was explained by Ken Warner that the Pickleball leadership was informed that a meeting outside of the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board was needed to explain the process that they wanted to discuss. These topics would include budget, Capital Improvement Plan and System Development Charges. A meeting will be held in the near future. Those in attendance wanted the Board to know they support a facility that would allow year-round play.

- 3. Approval of Summary Notes:**

- a. **Scott made motion and Sarah seconded to approve the Summary Notes from October 12, 2017 meeting. Motion Passed.** Vicky & Sarah did not vote as missed that meeting.

- 4. Parks Master Plan Update**

- a. Cindy Mendoza from MIG presented to the Board. The most recent survey that was conducted by the City was reviewed. This survey was looking at possible projects that may be considered for a Bond Measure in 2018. The projects were derived from the past Parks Master Plan Survey and the City's Capital Improvement Plan. About 1000 surveys were completed and Cindy felt that the wider community projects fared better than smaller individual projects. It has been proposed that the next step is to select those projects that will move forward to a statistically valid survey to be completed by the Trust for Public Lands.
- b. Cindy moved onto the Parks & Recreation and Open Space Master Plan. Draft recommendations were presented and discussed by the Board. The Recommendations were as follows:
1. Re-Envision West Linn's Water Experience
  2. Create Social Hubs that Provide Year-Round Gathering Places for All West Linn Residents.
  3. Create Parks and Open Spaces that Showcase West Linn's Unique Qualities
  4. Provide New and Extraordinary Experiences in West Linn
  5. Re-Imagine West Linn's Future Indoor Recreation opportunities
  6. Activate Parks with Recreation Programs and Events that Encourage Social Interaction and a Sense of Community.
  7. Create a More Connected and Accessible Environment For Pedestrians, Bicyclists and other Recreation Uses

Over the next couple of weeks MIG will present a matrix of site-specific recommendations. This will look at master plans, enhancements (major/minor) and maintenance and deferred maintenance. By February of 2018 a full Draft of the plan will be available to be vetted.

## **5. National Fitness Campaign**

- a. The Board watched a video on the project that includes grants/discounts for the project. Ken has had initial communication with the company to explore concept etc. The Board likes the concept, potential location at Tanner Creek Park. Vicky mentioned the possibility of Master Planning Tanner Creek Park. Scott had a concern about how you keep kids off of this particular equipment designed for adult workouts?
- b. Mary Baumgardner expressed that she would like to see Ultimate Frisbee as a sport in West Linn. She is the High School Advisor. It is an all-inclusive sport that can include many ages etc.

## **6. Other Projects Updates**

- a. Cedaroak Boat Ramp project is completed.
- b. White Oak Savanna Nature Playground project is starting up with contractor Paul Brothers and Learning Landscapes
- c. Haunted Trail held October 27 & 28. A large success financially and by attendance growth.
- d. Mini Hoopers (1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade) and Recreation Basketball (3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade) leagues have started with over 700 player in the leagues.
- e. Holiday Bazaar is scheduled for Saturday, November 18
- f. Community Tree Lighting is scheduled for Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup>
- g. Holiday Parade is scheduled for Saturday, December 9
- h. Beaver Program – Esteban reviewed the City's Beaver program for the Board.
  - i. The Beaver is a tool to explore community outreach, youth programs and education and create a management plan. Esteban currently works with a couple of schools and would like to work with more. The local beaver population creates concerns with forest and wetland management. Website is [beaverambassadors.com](http://beaverambassadors.com) and will be integrated into the parks 7 Recreation site.
- i. Don reminded the group that the Willamette River Trail meeting is next Wednesday and invited any other Board members who may want to attend.

Meeting adjourned 9:02pm