

**City of West Linn**  
**Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Summary Notes**  
**February 8, 2018**

**Members Present:** Don Kingsborough, Sarah Silvernail, Scott Etheridge, Stacy Epsteen, & Vicki Handy

**Staff Present:** Ken Worcester & Ken Warner

**Council Liaison:** Brenda Perry

**Guests:** Jules Walters & Joe Walters

**Meeting called to order by Vicki Handy at 7:01 pm**

**1. Approval of tonight's agenda**

Don reminded the Board that as the City enters election season to follow election laws and each can speak as an individual but not for the Board.

Correct Agenda to Approve January Summary notes that were listed as December.

**2. Community Comments –**

- a. Jules Walters - West Linn Softball Board Member. Presented on the current field conditions for their program, field improvements needed in the GO bond, interest in sports fields by many other groups and to ensure we as a community are investing in our parks. The youth sports organizations in the community (Soccer 3000, Baseball 700, Softball 300, Football 200 and boys and girls lacrosse 100+ each) all utilize fields in the community. Brenda explained that we are an affluent community with poor budget (low tax rate). City Council is focusing on those projects that did well in polling and looks at who is likely to vote. It was discussed that the Polls utilized are interpreted differently by different people. What do we want the City to look like in 10 years?

**3. Approval of Summary Notes:**

Scott made motion and Don seconded to approve the Summary Notes from January 11, 2018 meeting. Motion Passed.

**4. Election Of Chairperson**

Vicki made a motion and it was seconded by Sarah to elect Don Kingsborough as Chairperson. Don accepted Nomination. Motion Passed.

**5. Review Park Master Plan Documents and format**

Ken Worcester explained the 3 documents for the Board – System Wide Recommendations, Cost Matrix and Definitions and Assumptions of Recommendations & Cost Matrix.

The Board had discussions on the draft Master plan documents:

Key discussion points

- Currently paints a picture of many small things but the community input centered on something of big impact – waterfront & community center. A few big things.
- What citizens said is not articulated in the draft – water park, swim area, community center
- No a real focus on sports teams – no data listed
- Recreation needs to be more prominent and not in an appendix
- Why would old boat ramp at Willamette be taken out?
- Needs to be a little more strategic in nature
- What don't we have that is needed– don't compliment what we already have
- Two issues rose to the top:

- Maximize waterfront
- A community center to serve the whole community
- Look at potential revenue generating projects as budgets restrict
- It was explained to the Board that refined Draft will come out to them for comments prior to taking the Draft plan back out for community input. Draft will be provided prior to the next Board meeting on March 8<sup>th</sup>.
- A discussion was held on Park Projects on the GO Bond List
- Ken explained the projects that are currently on the GO Bond project list:
  - Must do Sunset park \$500,000
  - Other projects \$250,000
  - Waterfront \$3,000,000
  - Field Renovations \$750,000
- The Board felt that the dollar amounts are very low.
- Ken Worcester explained that the parks projects still on the list are scalable but that they cannot be scaled down anymore and still be able to be completed

Don made a motion and was seconded by Scott to make recommendation to City Council  
 "The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board recommends to West Linn City Council regarding the May GO Bond to focus on the following:

- Protect the investment in our valued parks.
- Strategically emphasize the high impact parks related include in the existing Staff recommendation.
- The three Park related projects in the current staff recommendation are clearly the Parks and Recreation related priority of the Board and the community.
- The Parks related projects identified in the staff recommendation are already scaled to the bare minimum costs and the Board encourages the City Council to actually increase the allotment to the Parks project proposed.

## 6. Other Projects Updates

- a. Nature Playground White Oak Savanna – Final Design work is moving forward and start date in April.
- b. CedarOak Boat Ramp – Planting plan is being completed.

Meeting adjourned 9:05 pm