

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

Meeting December 13, 2018

Members Present: Don Kingsborough, Vicki Handy, Steve Meisen, Stacy Epsteen, Sarah Silvernail & Scott Etheredge

Staff Present: Ken Worcester & Ken Warner

Council Liaison:

Guests: Michael Rutten

Meeting called to order by Don at 7:03 pm

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1. **Approval** of tonight's agenda – Ken Worcester add property review under #8 & add #4 Master Plan. Don add Vice Chair discussion.
Scott made a motion that was 2nd by Sarah to approve agenda. Motion passed.
 2. **Community Comments**
 - a. **Michael Rutten: Bee City Application**
 - i. Application with Terri Jones is moving forward and looking at project for June Pollinator Week.
 - ii. There is a group also working at Trillium Creek on a similar project. Ken Worcester explained that PRAB is the assigned Committee but that there is a lot interest in a working group/boots on the ground group to move this forward.
 3. **Revise Minutes from October to correct the numbering.**
 - a. Sarah made motion and Steve seconded to approve the Summary Notes for November 8, 2018 meeting. Motion Passed.
 4. **Parks Recreation & Open Space Master Plan Update**
 - a. Ken Worcester explained that the plan went back to the Planning Commission. The intent of the report back was to inquire if we are on the right track or the wrong track based on the Commissions previous request.
 - b. The Planning Commission ended up holding a Hearing, not noticed, on the Plan and allowing testimony.
 - c. Placed a (condition that in preparation to bring the entire plan back to the Planning Commission in a Public Hearing that we strike all references to the Aquatic Center, not rely on a facilities master plan and provide recommendations that would adequately fund the improvements Bolton, Old City Hall Robinwood and Sunset Neighborhood Facilities)

Vicki felt that PRAB should take a step back, review all steps and due diligence.

The Board discussed the present circumstances of the Parks Recreation and Open Space plan:

1. PRAB has concerns about inaccurate information being passed along & utilized
2. Is new executive summary needed? Possibly utilize pr3esneetaion, methodology, community input and analysis.
3. Why is the Planning Commission so reactionary to so few testifying?
4. Why is the pool such a focus when it is a very minor part of the plan?
5. The pool has clearly not been the focus of staff or PRAB in this process.
6. PRAB should redirect the conversation to the main concepts of the plan and not allow conversation to be around the small emotional pieces (i.e. pool)

The Board agreed that they will review the entire Master Plan (newest version) and discuss at the next Board meeting January 10th. Anyone Board Member needing a clean printed copy can pick it up at City Hall. All 3 survey results by City for Master Plan & GO Bond will be included.

5. Preliminary Goals for Next Year (from 2018 Advisory Group Report Form)

- a. Complete the Parks and Rec Master Plan
 - i. Ensure the Parks and Rec Master Plan is understood and supported by staff and City leaders.
 - ii. Ensure the Master Plan is readily available and understandable for citizens.
- b. Develop the Willamette Park waterfront project with Willamette River Trail.
 - i. Provide a highly transparent plan and process.
 - ii. Involve future users of the waterfront in the planning.
 - iii. Advisory Board engagement in outreach.
- c. Support Parks and Rec Staff in the implementation of Bond Project (see list below).
- d. Increase community engagement in the outdoors.
 - i. Attain the designation of "Bee City."
 - ii. Continue development of interactive outdoor activities.
 - iii. Complete Urban Beaver Management Plan.
- e. Celebrate and communicate successes.
 - i. Conduct a Grand Opening Event for project completions.
 - ii. Collaborate with Community Engagement Coordinator to improve communications.
- f. Coordinate and collaborate with other advisory boards.
 - i. Coordinate work with Public Safety Advisory Board on common issues.
 - ii. Coordinate work with Sustainability Advisory Board on common issues.

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- g. Improve waterfront from Abernathy Bridge to the falls.
 - h. Coordinate with ODOT for the West Bridge Park Master Plan. – not finalized until bridge funding occurs.
- 6. Other Projects
 - a. Ken Worcester presented to the board a potential opportunity to purchase a piece of property on Landis Street. \$650,000 for 2 acres. The Board reviewed the small parcel and concluded with staff that there was a lot of slope (50' elevation drop) and that this is not a suitable piece for a park.
- 7. Blue Herron Tour – to be discussed at future meeting
- 8. The Election of Chair and discussion of Vice Chair will occur at future meeting.
- 9. Adjournment at 9:20pm