

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

Meeting March 14, 2019

Members Present: Vicki Handy, Steve Meisen, Stacy Epstein, Sarah Silvernail, Scott Etheredge, Steve Gulgren and John Linman (arrived at 7:55pm)

Staff Present: Ken Worcester & Ken Warner

Council Liaison: Councilor Sakelik

Guests: Tom Widden, Mary Baumgardner, Steven Colde, Doug Vokes, Allan Kawida, Tim Catlin, Robert Small, Patty Thaler, Deedee Elsey, and Leslie Pugmire Hole

Meeting called to order by Vicki Handy at 7:02 p.m.

Vicki had all at the table introduce themselves.

1. Introduction of new members

Ken Worcester introduced 2 new Board Members: Steve Gulgren & John Linman

2. Approval of tonight's agenda

Sarah made a motion that was 2nd by Scott to approve agenda. Motion passed.

3. Community Comments

- a. Vicki explained PRAB Protocol.
- b. Mary Baumgartner – has an interest in restoration of natural areas that support wildlife & bio diversity. Her primary area of interest is the WES property and other properties in the area.

4. Election of Chair

Board discussed Chair/Vice Chair model versus Co-Chair.

Scott made motion and Steve M. seconded to elect a Chair with agenda setting duties for PRAB and allow other Board members to lead meetings and/or have time keeping duties. Motion Passed.

Vicki made the motion and Scott seconded to elect Stacy as Chair of PRAB. Motion Passed.

5. Election of Vice Chair – No Vice chair to be elected.

6. Pickleball Presentation

Tom Widden presented on the current status of pickleball in West Linn and various projects around the state. The main question now is what is the plan for the \$12,500 approved by PRAB last year and the new structure at Tanner Creek Park?

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Ken Worcester explained that last year the Park Department had to absorb a \$60,000 hit in the budget from storm damage to trees and repairs to facilities and that the tensile structure is an approved bond project.

Pickleball club agrees that structure should go up prior to re-surfacing.

The Department will get to the project but some other projects on the list were farther along in planning and a higher priority than others.

The Parks Department has a goal of the tensile project going in to the Land Use Process in the next 90 days.

7. Park Master Plan Next Steps

Ken Worcester explained that there is a meeting Monday night with the City Council to discuss the Draft Parks Recreation and Open Space Master Plan.

Vicki explained that after further review and taking into account past comments an executive summary is needed for the plan. Vicki passed out a document that is to be reviewed.

Discussion key points:

- a. Title was an issue so it should be changed to "20 year Master Plan".
- b. Some word smithing done to get to point of agreement.
- c. 2 groups well intentioned but communication broke down.
- d. Focus on the facts and data.
- e. Research methodology was sound and significant.

John made motion and Vicki seconded to accept the PRAB produced Executive Summary as part of the Parks Recreation and Open Space Master Plan. Motion Passed.

Vicki asked that PRAB read carefully and send any comments as soon as possible.

Discussion held on the upcoming joint meeting with City Council Monday:

- a. Looking for guidance from City Council to move plan forward.
- b. PRAB has never had a chance to present the plan.
- c. Special interest allowed to attack plan on several occasions.
- d. Desire to be treated fairly.

8. Other projects and Bond Projects

- a. Sunset Park – Plans & drawings finalized and preparing Bid Packet.
- b. Sahallie Ilahee – getting underway and to be built with neighbors and staff.
- c. Fields Bridge – all done except finishing one roof on large shelter.
- d. Arbor Week – April 7-13.
- e. "Beaver Believers" documentary being shown April 19, West Linn High School.
- f. Earth Day Work Day – Volunteer day with numerous projects on April 20.
- g. County received unsolicited offer to purchase the Water Environment Services property.

Board wants to recognize Don Kingsborough for his years of service with dinner/event. PRAB must notice meeting if more than 2 present.

Add Community Comments to end of Agenda.

Meeting adjourned at 9:33 p.m.

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