



# CITY OF West Linn

## Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

**Meeting December 5, 2019**

**APPROVED**

**Members Present:** Steve Gulgren, Scott Etheridge, Vicky Handy, John Linman, Steve Miesen and Sarah Silvernail

**Staff Present:** Ken Warner & Tarra Wiencken

**Council Liaison:** N/A

**Guests:** Beth Smolens

Meeting called to order at 7:03pm

1. Introductions:
2. Approval of Tonight's Agenda: Agenda Approved
3. Approval of Summary Notes
  - a. Approved October and November Minutes with corrections to come.
4. Community Comments:
  - a. Beth Smolens gave feedback and input on the White Oak Savanna Nature Play area. Positive feedback about the Parks and Recreation and PRAB planning process for the project. Comments were it might not be an ideal place for children, music makers may not be heard from highway noise, and an amphitheater would not be a great addition.
5. Items of Interest from the Board:
  - a. None
6. White Oak Savanna Nature Play:
  - a. City Manager's Memo had an update on the Nature Play Area.
  - b. Redesigning is not the way to go, the public should be given choices and they can choose their favorite. Workshop ideas include a showcase of all Parks Projects, possibly display at the Library, and co-sponsor with non-profit groups.
  - c. Workshop should be open to the public not just an individual neighborhood.
  - d. Bernert Creek should not be a Parks and Recreation concern, Public Works funded.
7. Advisory Group Annual Report:
  - a. Goals for 2020: Execution of the Master Plan & Go Bond, Community Engagement, ADA Upgrades (Clackamas County Grants), Urban Beaver Management Plan, Engagement of Staff, Budget, Operational (Excellence) Plan, Micro burst surveys, Evaluate Parks, P & R Newsletter (In the News)
  - b. 2019 Challenges: Master Plan, Ground Rules too lax, White Oak Savanna, Concerns and Pressure from City Council.
  - c. Put PRAB Ground rules up on the screen at the start of the meeting.



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8. Department Staffing Update:

- a. Congratulations to Ken Warner who was appointed the new Parks and Recreation Director.
- b. Steve and Scott's last PRAB meeting, Sarah has reapplied.

9. Board Applicants:

- a. Tabled until next meeting

10. Other Project Updates:

- a. Tabled until next meeting

11. Community Comment Wrap-Up:

- a. Tabled until next meeting

Meeting adjourned at 9:03 pm