CITY HALL 22500 Salamo Rd. West Linn Oregon 97068



Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

Meeting September 14, 2020 APPROVED

Members Present: Mary Baumgardner, Stacy Epsteen, John Linman, Todd Olson, Sarah Silvernail and Eleanor Wynn Staff Present: Ken Warner & Tarra Wiencken Council Liaison: Richard Sakelik and Jules Walters-Alternate Guests: David Tripp, Giulio Ferruzzi, Jane Forbes, Jeffrey Bernasconi, Katherine Ferruzzi, Tim Hoffman, Tom Meier, Doug Vokes

Meeting called to order at 6:37pm

- 1. Introductions: All Board Members, Council and City Manager Jerry Gabrielatos
- 2. Approval of Tonight's Agenda: John moved to approve the agenda. Mary seconded, passed.
- 3. Approval of Summary Notes
 - a. Eleanor moved to approve the summary notes. John seconded, passed.
- 4. Community Comments:
 - a. David Tripp wanted to comment on Wilderness Park rules. He has seen an increase in the number of bikes in the park, mostly adults. Concerned about organized races. He would like to see signs at the entrances of the park with language about no bikes on trails.
 - b. Giulio Ferruzzi talked about the pickleball noise issue and the net and posts taken down and the gates being locked. She would like the tennis court open to bring the community back together and restore the quiet neighborhood.
 - c. Jane Forbes wants pickleball to be a permanent ban at Skyline Ridge Park. Acoustic material should be on all 4 sides and the chainlink should be raised to 15'. Pickleball is still being played, citizens brought their own poles and nets.
 - d. Jeffrey Bernasconi talked about noise ordinances in surrounding cities. Decibels are still a concern. Courts should be put back to tennis, no pickleball and ask the police to enforce. Recommend to the City Council a pickleball charter.
 - e. Katherine Ferruzzi said that joy is taken away when pickleball is played. Requests that another suitable place to play is found.
 - f. Tim Hoffman said that Skyline Ridge Park is a tremendous asset to the neighborhood. Tennis courts were in decline and pickleball increased the use at Skyline Ridge. He states that the decibels from pickleball are not as high as landscape power equipment. Propose hours for pickleball, 8am-5pm and add no parking signs along street. The survey that went out to the neighborhood, 50 responded and 37 were in favor of pickleball.



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- g. Tom Meier apologized to board about previous behavior. He said that a covered pickleball court at Tanner Creek Park would help reduce sun exposure and noise. Mentioned Playtime scheduler and if that was used parking could be controlled. Requests a halt of roundup use, would like to see that as an agenda item for next month.
- h. Doug Vokes talked about the pickleball courts at Skyline Ridge Park and how they are similar to George Rogers Park in Lake Oswego. He observed the walls. He mentioned there is another type of pickleball ball with a different sound that can be used.
- 5. Items of Interest from the Board:
 - a. Stacy mentioned and recommends to the new board members that there is a legal training for citizen advisory groups, it is available on video.
 - b. Stacy discussed that the City Council earlier in the day made a decision to close the courts at Skyline Ridge Park, this is not an agenda item for tonight and will need to be discussed moving forward. This will be an agenda item for next month.
- 6. White Oak Savanna Nature Play Re-Design Process:
 - a. City Council and SONA would like the Board to get community input on option 3.
 - b. Board would like to move forward with this process.
 - c. Todd made a motion and Mary seconded, "The PRAB supports option 3 for White Oak Savanna Nature Playscape, at this time we would like to solicit community feedback no later than October 2." Motion passed
 - d. Staff will put together a webpage with pictures, maps and options of Nature Playscape, with a simple survey.
- 7. Park Rules-Bikes on trails:
 - a. John thinks there should be a park rule for all chipped trails. Bikes should be on paved trails only.
 - b. Stacy asked if we need to make a rule for just one group that races through Wilderness Park once a year. Asked if it is a problem.
 - c. Mary thought we should contact the groups and let them know mountain bikes are not allowed in our parks, Eleanor agreed.
 - d. Sarah mentioned that there is sometimes a problem with bikes on the chips trails at Mary S. Young Park and that they damage the trails.
 - e. Ken mentioned half gates like in Sunriver to slow down bikes entering the park.
 - f. Board agrees to find groups that use it for races and send a formal request to not use Wilderness Park. Board want signs put up to discourage bikes at the entrances to Wilderness. Todd suggests the sign to say "Pedestrians have the right away, Bikes are discouraged". Board agrees. Staff will work on getting signs made.
- 8. Tanner Creek-Covered Pickleball Community Input Process:
 - a. PRAB will get community engagement for the proposed cover at the Tanner Creek Courts.
 - b. Sarah suggests asking the neighbors that will be directly affected.
 - c. Todd would like a mailer sent out to residents within 1000 feet of the park.
 - d. Stacy suggests to put the design and a survey on the city website. Eleanor and Mary agree.



- e. Stacy made a motion and Mary seconded, "The PRAB will ask Parks staff to setup a webpage that includes a description and/or drawing, representation of the possible pickleball court cover at Tanner Creek Park court, the webpage should also include a place for feedback from a targeted area of neighbors surrounding Tanner Creek Park."
- 9. Parks Project Updates: Emailed to Board. Website is up to date with status of GoBond Projects.

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Meeting adjourned at 8:46 pm