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Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

Meeting October 8, 2020

APPROVED

Members Present: Mary Baumgardner, Stacy Epstein, Vicki Handy, John Linman, Todd Olson, Sarah Silvernail and Eleanor Wynn

Staff Present: Ken Warner, Tarra Wiencken, Dawn Kolb, Allissa Meis & Meghan Matthies

Council Liaison: Richard Sakelik

Guests: Giulio Ferruzzi, Jane Forbes, Jeffrey Bernasconi, Katherine Ferruzzi, Tom Meier

Meeting called to order at 5:45 pm

1. Introductions: All Board Members, Council and Staff
2. Approval of Tonight's Agenda: Request to move agenda item 8 to 4. John asked about Skyline Pickleball being added to the agenda. John moved to approve the agenda, approved.
3. Approval of Summary Notes:
 - a. John moved to approve the summary notes. Todd seconded, passed.
4. Parks & Recreation Project Updates:
 - a. Recreation Staff gave updates on what has been happening during late summer and what is planned for the near future. Following all guidelines so we can provide safe and fun activities, sports, and events for the community. PRAB thanked them for the great work they do.
5. Community Comments:
 - a. Giulio Ferruzzi talked about the Skyline Ridge pickleball courts and how they were installed. He said he and his neighbors were not informed about the changes to the courts. Asked that the survey sent around be disregarded. Asked to have pickleball court holes covered and tennis courts put back.
 - b. Jane Forbes talked about the Skyline Ridge pickleball courts and the noise. The survey sent out did not reach all surrounding residents. Asked PRAB to make an immediate decision on this matter tonight.
 - c. Jeffrey Bernasconi thanked PRAB for closing the Skyline Ridge pickleball courts, asking that the courts be put back to tennis only. Until the pickleball courts are removed the issues will not be resolved by the neighbors next to it.
 - d. Katherine Ferruzzi asked Ken Warner about the questions she sent and have not received answers to all of them regarding the Skyline Ridge pickleball courts. Talked about the survey that was not sent to all neighbors to the park. Asked about the data for the noise abatement study. Asked to take pickleball courts out and put tennis courts back to how they were before.



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- e. Tom Meier talked about the covered pickleball project at Tanner Creek Park and asked for an update. Would like playtime scheduler back on line for Tanner Creek pickleball courts. Wants a ban on glyphosates in the parks.
6. Items of Interest from the Board:
- a. Vicki wants to be proactive with the community especially during the winter months. Be prepared for more people to use the outdoors and would like to put a comprehensive rules sign up in each park. Board agrees that something should be put up.
 - b. Vicki made a motion that recommends Parks and Recreation create one sign of rules that would go in all the parks, focused on park safety, noise and community use. Mary seconded. Motion passed.
 - c. John made a motion that recommends to restore the Skyline Ridge Park courts back to tennis and pickleball should not be played there. PRAB recognizes that pickleball is a very popular sport and we will continue to look for opportunities to make sure it is provided in our community in locations that do not adversely impact the neighborhood. Vicki seconded. Motion passed.
7. White Oak Savanna Nature Play Community Input & Recommendation:
- a. Discussion about the survey results from community input on option 3.
 - b. Todd asked if the restroom could be phased in.
 - c. Vicki said we should consider the impact and look at the cost and go with the least expensive options and keep it simple.
 - d. Eleanor would like to see the fire safety of the area more of a priority and agrees with Vicki about the cost.
 - e. Mary agrees. Temporary porta potty would be a less expensive option.
 - f. Sarah thinks we should do all or nothing.
 - g. Stacy wants PRAB to make a recommendation to council
 - h. John asked what would be the least expensive, Ken said SDC fund currently \$215,000.
 - i. Sarah recommends to do nothing and put the money towards something that is more centralized in the city. Eleanor agrees.
 - j. Todd asked if the parking is necessary and could the playground move forward without it.
 - k. Mary made a motion recommending the SONA proposal with a porta potty. Mary withdrew motion.
 - l. Vicki made a motion that given the added expense of required infrastructure, PRAB recommends to the City Council that we do not make additional further investment in development of White Oak Savanna at this time. John seconded. 2 opposed. Motion passed.
8. Tanner Creek-Covered Pickleball Community Input Process:
- a. Stacy asked PRAB how they want to talk to include the community about the covering.
 - b. Tarra talked about how to get community input, mailing postcard to all residents within 1000 feet of the park with information about the structure and a specific link



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to the survey and give them the option to complete the survey first then open it up to the entire community.

- c. Vicki wants to make sure what the cost will be and if it is a feasible action.
- d. Sarah recommends that there be specific language in input process.
- e. John said this would be the only covered court in the area, traffic will be affected, doesn't feel like it should be covered. Eleanor agrees.
- f. Todd would like to ask community if Tanner Creek should be covered. Is there another location for a covered area.
- g. Eleanor would like to know the budget so projects can be prioritized.
- h. Councilor Sakelik clarified that there is GoBond money allocated for this project and there was parking concern brought up by Counciler Relyea.
- i. Vicki made a motion that PRAB recommend because of cost and an enclosed space will reduce opportunities for our community in COVID and the impact to the parking that we do not cover the pickleball court at this time. John seconded. 2 opposed. Motion passed.

9. Parks & Recreation Project Updates:

- a. Vicki would like to get the waterfront play area in Willamette Park started. PRAB needs to move forward with the projects in the Master Plan. Eleanor and Sarah agree.
- b. Vicki asked councilor liaison Sakelik to support PRAB in these decisions with the City Council.
- c. Ken talked about the GoBond projects that were approved in 2018 and will ask the new City Manager to have a discussion with the City Council on the big projects. Updates on current GoBond projects in progress and managing all the buildings, keeping up with COVID guidelines.

Meeting adjourned at 8:18 pm