

**Public Works Committee  
Minutes of  
January 12, 2016**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Jason Leonard on January 12, 2016, at 3:00 p.m. at Kugler Hall, City Park, 299 S 23rd Street, Philomath.

**ROLL CALL:**

**Committee:** Councilors Jason Leonard, Eric Niemann and Doug Edmonds

**Staff:** Public Works Director Kevin Fear, Public Works Operations Supervisor Garry Black and City Manager Chris Workman

**Public:** none

**PUBLIC WORKS BUSINESS:**

**Continuation of discussion regarding Park Master Plan update**

Mr. Leonard announced the meeting was convened to allow the Committee members an opportunity to see and discuss projects listed on the proposed Park Master Plan Update with staff. The following topics were discussed at each location as the Committee and staff traveled from park to park:

City Park – Discussion centered on efforts to get into compliance with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission’s Public Playground Safety Handbook, specifically siting the fall surface, swings, slide and other playground equipment. It was decided to move the bathroom replacement up to the first priority project for City Park.

Neabeack St. Park Site – Discussion on types of park amenities that would be included in this small, pocket park and the lack of any park play equipment on the east end of town.

11<sup>th</sup> St. Park Site – Discussion of proposed park layout, amenities and the need for a new park on the north end of town. It was agreed that this is a priority for the Park Master Plan.

Westbrook Park Sidewalks – Discussion of the need for sidewalks along the park side of the street, possibility of bringing foot traffic down from the street and into the park to follow the park pathway. Additional discussion about placing this on the project list but it was determined the Park Master Plan should make note of the project but it should not be placed on the list of park priorities.

Triangle Park – Discussion of the need for new swings and better fall surface. Project budget amount was increased from \$10,000 to \$30,000.

Mary’s River Park – Discussion of the difficulties in maintaining any new equipment or trails within this park due to annual flooding. Also the proposed location of the fenced dog park and additional trails on the west end of the park along the river.

**MOTION:** Councilor Leonard moved, Councilor Edmonds second, to approve the Park Master Plan Update as amended and forward it to the City Council for approval. Motion approved 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Chris Workman, City Manager