

Philomath Park Advisory Board
MINUTES
May 5, 2015
At City Hall, 980 Applegate Street, Philomath

The Park Advisory Board meeting was called to order at 5:09 pm by Chair Ben Folgate.

1. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Dale Collins, Ben Folgate, Patrick McDonald, Malcolm Miner and Lindy Young
Staff Present: City Manager Chris Workman
Others Present: None

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2.1 Dale Collins moved/ Malcom Miner second, to approve the minutes of April 7th, 2015, as presented. Vote: 5-0.

3. NEW BUSINESS

3.1 Discuss Hunsaker Path lighting

A discussion began regarding the issues around the lighting of the bike path. Everyone indicated they had reviewed some of the options. The options for moving forward were discussed and these were primarily around funding; 1) The Parks Advisory Board (PAB) could include the project on the Parks Master Plan Capital Projects list or, 2) The PAB could submit the proposal as a stand alone project to the 3 member Public Works Committee.

The PAB decided to include this on a priority list as part of the Parks Master Plan Capital Projects list.

Mr Workman indicated he would direct Public Works to come up with a financial cost of the lighting installation. Mr Folgate indicated this should include street lighting where the path crosses James Street.

3.2 Discuss the status of City Park vegetation/hazard tree survey

Mr Shay was not present at this meeting to discuss the vegetation/hazard tree survey. It was agreed that the PAB would hold the next meeting (June 2nd) at City Park. Mr Folgate indicated he would follow up with Mr Shay to attend that meeting.

Mr Collins indicated that if hazard trees are removed the wood should go to families in need. It was discussed that this had been done in the past. Mr Collins and Mr Workman indicated they would follow up with PCS and Public Works, respectively.

Mr McDonald asked if the relocation of the ball field in City Park should be removed from the list of potential projects. It was mentioned that the field is already prepped for this year and so it wouldn't happen this year.

There is a concern among PAB members that the field activities could encroach on the gazebo, shelter and playground area. This would especially be a concern if the field is prepped for older kids. Mr. Workman indicated he would talk with PYAC about the PAB concerns.

3.3 Rodeo Grounds update (Chris Workman)

Mr Workman provided the PAB with information about the Rodeo Grounds. Currently the property is 4 separate lots (differing acreage) and is held in the Skirvin Family Trust. The City was approached by the Skirvin family about the possibility of purchasing the property.

The discussion went into detail about the history of the property and the tradition of the Frolic and Rodeo that is held at the site. Various ideas were discussed about possible utilizations of the property and what benefits and costs those would bring to the City.

The PAB members agreed that this potential acquisition should not go onto the Parks Master Plan Capital projects list. The concern was that the cost of this single project would prohibit the advancement of many projects on the current list.

3.4 Begin discussion of City Wide trail planning

This was not discussed due to time constraints. See 3.5 below.

3.5 Proposals for June 2nd meeting – topics, guests, etc.

It was agreed the PAB members would bring specific ideas regarding new trails to add to the City wide trail plan.

Mr Workman asked the PAB members to identify where trails could possibly go and the adjacent properties. He also asked that members examine the Safe Routes to Schools map that is on the City website.

NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR: Tuesday, June 2nd, 2015, at 5:00 p.m.

Special Location: At City Park Shelter, 299 S. 23rd Street, Philomath

3. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Miner moved to close, Mr. Collins second, meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Patrick McDonald, Secretary