

PARK ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes

Thursday, August 13, 2020

City Hall, 980 Applegate St., Philomath

5:00 pm

Committee Chair: Dale Collins

Committee Secretary: Izzie Elliott

Committee Members: Lindy Young, Spencer Irwin; Caleb Unema, Sandy Heath, Carol Leach

City Staff: Chris Workman

1. ROLL CALL

- 1.1 Via Zoom: Dale Collins, Izzie Elliott, Lindy Young, Sandy Heath
Staff: Chris Workman
Guests: Jessica Andrade

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 2.1 Minutes of July 23, 2020 – Approved.

Mayor Niemann reported on the gathering at 1545 College Street for the ground breaking ceremony and demolition of the old house to make way for the Paul Cochran Veterans Memorial Park. We'd like to put in the notes thanks to: Mid Valley Gravel, Republic Services, and Oregon State Army ROTC.

3. BUSINESS

- 3.1 Millpond Crossing Park planning

Spencer commented positively about a fishing aspect at the mill pond. Jessica Andrade recommended native plants, fruit trees and bushes, ADA compliant features as well as additional features for people with special needs. She expressed her concerns about fishing in the mill pond such as invasive species, reproducible stock, outflow area. Chris commented that it is a concern and we are looking into it. Sandy commented that Starker Park had a liner in the pond that created a problem with algae and wildlife. It had to be removed. Dale said to check with Levi regarding these concerns.

- 3.2 Flossie Overman Park ribbon cutting

Wednesday, August 19, at 7:00 p.m., Popsicles will be provided. Chris will print programs on Wednesday and will ask for our input on Monday.

4. SKATE PARK

4.1 Izzie mentioned that she would like to go forward and raise funds for future park renovations. She voiced her opinion that \$20,000 is not a wise way to spend money to ask opinions. Izzie suggested that \$20,000 on repairs rather than a survey. Chris argued that a new (updated) Master Plan is needed to justify the idea of improving/renovating the skate park. Lindy asked about maintenance of skate parks. Graffiti and litter pick up were the answers. Chris commented that the current master plan does not recognize the deficiencies of the current skate park.

Next meeting: September 10, 2020, Zoom.

5. ADJOURNMENT

- 5.1 Chair Collins adjourned the meeting at 5:36 p.m.