

Philomath Park Advisory Board
Meeting Agenda
Thursday, September 10, 2020
City Hall, 980 Applegate St., Philomath
5:00 PM

Parks Advisory Board

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 : via ZOOM: Carol Leach, Dale Collins, Lindy Young, Sandy Heath, Izzie Elliott, Spencer Irwin, Chris Workman
Mayor Niemann

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2.1 Minutes of August 13, 2020

One correction: Carol Leach was not listed as attending the meeting. She was present on her phone. This correction will be made.

3. BUSINESS 3.1 Park Master Plan request for proposals (RFP)

Request for draft proposals for Park Master Plan Update to hire professionals presented by Chris Workman. Discussion ensued. All present approved to move ahead with this. Izzie refrained.

3.2 City Park bathroom remodel : Chris announced a payment of \$60,000 (Newton Creek Estates) in lieu of an open space in that park division in that section.

City collected \$60,000 toward improvements in the City Park. The City decided the bathroom would receive an update. Izzie asked when this was decided and was told the decision was made 4 years ago.

Chris says they will look at the option of leveling the building and look to the professionals to make this answer.

Carol asked about bathroom across from creek. That bathroom is being used for storage. Bathrooms at the Kugler Shelter are added bathrooms for larger events.

3.3 Skate Park- Izzie announced Kim Maness will ask board for their support in creating a Fundraiser for future Skateboard renovations/New Project. Izzie announced that Philomath has shown their support (almost 200 signatures collected online and at the Farmers Market showing support for Skatepark)

Chris mentioned the next step would be for the community to identify this need (New Skatepark) in the new and upcoming Master Park Plan.

Kim reported petition was created on i-petition (129 signatures) her son collected 150 from fellow students.

Kim showed top state parks Lincoln City, Brookings, Lebanon, Toledo, Florence, Sisters, and Newport. Some of these are designed and created by DREAMLAND. Kim commented that although the Philomath City Skatepark was built with great intentions it was not completed by professionals. Kim gave other reasons to build a functioning skatepark: kids need outdoor activity, skate will be part of the 2021 Olympics, not everyone likes competitive sports, all ages, no longer just an "outlier" activity. She reported why the current park does not work for most skaters.

Suggestions for grant writing sources were given. Skateparks are for the kids seemed to be the focus.

Lindy suggested that Skateparks should be on the Master plan. Sandy agreed that young people need things to do.

3.4 Millpond Crossing Park planning- According to Levi, the developer, a professional will be hired to design park.

3.5 Flossie Overman Park dedication recap

Dale said things went well. Spencer agreed it went well and lots of people were there.

Dale closed the meeting. 1:12minutes