



SALEM PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

July 11, 2019

Traffic Control Center Conference Room 325

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT

Diana Dickey
David Fridenmaker
Dylan McDowell
Kasia Quillinan
Paul Rice
Micki Varney

MEMBERS ABSENT

Tony Caito
Woody Dukes

STAFF PRESENT

Patricia Farrell
Jennifer Kellar
Becky George
Toni Whitler

1. ROLL

Present: Tony Caito and Woody Dukes were marked absent.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. June 13, 2019 minutes approved with correction noted by Member Varney. The discussion is being noted for the record.

Member Varney wanted to mention that at the end of the June meeting Rob Romanek mentioned the issue that EM Easterly brought forward at the May 9 meeting regarding the zoning and boundaries at Wallace Marine Park and that there might be some information at the July meeting.

Patricia Farrell said she spoke with Natasha Zimmerman, one of the City's assistant city attorneys, and said that basically there are several mapping errors that need to get fixed and that is one of them. What happened was staff changed the map without going through a public process, and any changes need to be approved by City Council. Staff are aware of this issue and are going to look at this, along with other mapping issues, and will take them all to City Council at the same time. Member Varney – Wants to be clear that Rob's comment is going to be reflected in the June minutes. **This correction was made in the approved June minutes.**

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

a. EM Easterly, responding to Member Dickey's question from the June 13 SPRAB meeting: Has the West Salem Neighborhood Association (WSNA) taken a position on the partition issue / zoning within Willamette Greenway in Wallace Marine? In response, he distributed a motion made by WSNA June 17, 2019. Chair Quillinan noted the importance of having the neighborhood association input.

b. Connie Griffiths, who watches Wallace Marine and other parks, noted that Fourth of July went well.

4. BOARD ITEMS/PRESENTATIONS

a. Salem Parks Foundation Annual Presentation – *Carol Snyder, Linda Bierly, Salem Parks Foundation* Ms. Snyder, President, gave a brief overview of the Foundation's activities over the past year that included fund-raising and groundbreaking of McKay Park playground, *A Walk In the Park*, and the Bottle Drop Program for park donations. She invited everyone to come to the Foundation booth at

the Salem Art Fair and the *Pinot in the Parks* at Dr. Dan Saucy's home September 27, 2019. Linda Bierly, Treasurer, gave an overview of the Parks Foundation grant program.

b. Park Tour

The date of the Board's park tour was finalized as August 24, 2019.

5. ACTION ITEM

a. Riverfront Carousel Addition – *Marie Bradford, Executive Director, Riverfront Carousel*
Marie Bradford-Blevins presented conceptual drawings of the proposed addition to the Riverfront Carousel. The addition will provide needed space for wood carving, painting, and an educational forum for the public.

Motion

Member McDowell moved that the Board support the Riverfront Carousel Addition concept.

Member Dickey seconded the motion.

Vote:

All members voted in favor of the motion.

6. INFORMATION REPORTS

a. Mission Street Parks Conservancy Quarterly Report – *Michael Slater*
Michael Slater provided the third quarter report to the Board.

b. Parks Planning Update – *Patricia Farrell*

- Battle Creek Park - The consultant is developing master plan options based on the public comments received at the first public meeting and the survey. These options will be presented as graphics at the second public meeting on September 10. There is a lecture on Battle Creek area by the Asst. State Archeologist on August 7 at Louck's Auditorium.
The second public meeting is now scheduled for September 11.
- Riverfront Park Restroom – The City has received preliminary approval of grant funds toward this project. Formal approval will not be given until September.
- Fairview Phase One – Phase One analysis is being conducted on the southeast corner of Fairview Park for a multiuse ballfield, parking, restroom, trails, etc. Looking to the consultant for a cost estimate that will include the option of both natural and synthetic turf.
- Riverfront Park Amphitheater project – The State awarded one million dollars toward the construction of the Riverfront amphitheater covered stage.
- Tree inventory – Ms. Farrell indicated that the recruitment to hire a part-time staff person to conduct tree inventory similar to last year's effort failed and will look at having someone from staff conduct the inventory. She noted that by "failure" she means that two top candidates found full time jobs and one could not meet the requirements for the position.

Member Tipton asked what type of trees were being inventoried. Ms. Farrell said street trees will be inventoried in the same manner as last year using random segments around the city. Member Tipton suggested using a college student. Ms. Farrell agreed that is a good idea.

- The Rees Hill Road park property acquisition closed in June.

Member Fridenmaker inquired about the Hazelgreen Road Park land use action. Ms. Farrell replied that the action is for an annexation, comprehensive plan and zone change, and is going to Planning Commission July 23.

c. Parks Operations Update – *Jennifer Kellar*

- Urban Forester recruitment has been posted for three weeks with one week left. Have interviews tentatively scheduled for August 12 and starting mid-September.
- Two more playground renovations: Wallace Marine Park playground near soccer goals and Rees Park playground renovation.
- Ms. Kellar added that they are struggling with career and seasonal recruitment for tree crew and other park maintenance positions.
 - Chair Quillinan asked what the Urban Forester gets paid. Ms. Kellar didn't have that information with her, but offered to provide it to her at a later time.

d. Recreation Services Update – *Becky George*

- Summer programs are in full swing; first movie is Saturday July 13.
- July 4th event had some delays but then went well. Other events this summer included Public Works Day and World Beat.
- July 24-28 – Big national softball tournament, 30+ teams, girls from multiple states are participating.

7. ADDITIONAL

- Patty Tipton attended the Salem Public Art Commission meeting
- Toni Kramer, visitor, is on the Salem Peace Mosaic foundation created to raise funds to save the mosaic. They believe they have raised the amount needed to remove the mosaic to keep it from demolition. It will be taken to storage, which will be provided by City of Salem. Public Art commission will oversee where it will be placed. Carousel is the first choice for the mosaic.

8. NEXT MEETING

August 8, 2019

9. ADJOURN

6:55 p.m.