



SALEM PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

October 10, 2019

Traffic Control Center Conference Room 325

DRAFT MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT

Tony Caito
Diana Dickey
Woody Dukes
David Fridenmaker
Dylan McDowell
Kasia Quillinan
Paul Rice
Patty Tipton
Micki Varney

MEMBERS ABSENT

STAFF PRESENT

Patricia Farrell
Becky George
Jennifer Kellar
Eunice Kim
Melinda Mokalla
Billy Powers
Toni Whitler

1. ROLL

Patty Tipton was absent.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. September 12, 2019 minutes approved.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment received.

4. BOARD ITEMS/PRESENTATIONS

a. *Our Salem Update* – Eunice Kim, Senior Planner, Community Development Department

Eunice gave a brief presentation and summary of *Our Salem*, a vision of how Salem will grow by updating the Salem Area Comprehensive Plan (SACP) through goals, policies, and map. It will be implemented through updates to the other plans that are components of SACP such as the Transportation Plan and Comprehensive Parks System Master Plan.

Member Rice: Can people submit online comments now? Ms. Kim replied yes, people are emailing now. There will also be specific targeted opportunities for comments, too.

Member Caito to Ms. Kim: You mentioned a previous attempt at updating the Comprehensive Plan.

Chair Quillinan spoke to member Caito's comment. *Salem Futures* was the name of the SACP update in the 1990s and involved outreach to the community with a variety of public workshops that generated a lot of excitement. It involved planning components such as mixed-use and transportation modes. First draft was in 1999 and the point was to meet the State's requirement of a comprehensive plan, along with vehicle reduction. The Plan ultimately did not carry forward. Chair Quillinan said it was good plan, but political realities came into play. Ms. Kim said she is looking to conduct broad outreach that includes unincorporated areas of Salem. Chair Quillinan stated that she approves of the process thus far.

b. Softball and Summer Recreation Program Recap – Billy Powers and Melinda Mokalla, Recreation Specialists

Ms. Mokalla presented a recap on the summer events. Mr. Powers presented the recap on league softball and kickball. Both said that their numbers of participation in events and league play increased and that participants are delighted with our park facilities.

Ms. George said that the summer recreation guide comes out in March and they are now already formulating what programs will be in the guide for next year.

Chair Quillinan asked about bidding on the national tournaments. Mr. Powers replied and explained the bidding process. He added that it is all about networking and Salem has built a great relationship with the leagues.

5. ACTION ITEM

a. Riverfront Carousel Design Approval for Carousel Addition – Marie Bradford, Executive Director, Salem Riverfront Carousel

b. Endorsement of Salem Peace Mosaic on the Carousel Addition - Marie Bradford, Executive Director, Salem Riverfront Carousel

Marie Bradford, Executive Director of the Salem Riverfront Carousel along with Richard Rothweiler, AIA, Senior Architect, AC + Co., presented the design and design intent of the Addition. This also includes renderings of the building with the Salem Peace Mosaic.

Chair Quillinan asked what goes in-between the two buildings? Ms. Bradford replied that there are steps that provide a venue for artists to speak to classroom groups outside when the weather is permitting. She added that there was a question about security of this area, and said a gate and cameras can be added for security. There are currently cameras at the existing Carousel which has resulted in very little, if any, negative activity.

Chair Quillinan: What is the access on the south side of the building? Mr. Rothweiler replied that there will be a connection to the existing sidewalk that goes around the playground at grade and allows a person to walk around the west side where they can get a close view of the Salem Peace Mosaic. From that point they can walk around the building to the stairs to the north.

Chair Quillinan: Is there an ADA accessible path around the stairs or do you have to go somewhere else? Mr. Rothwiler replied that accessibility is available to access the building from two different directions. From the plaza on the east side and from the south end to the west wall as previously noted.

Member Tipton likes the sky lighting. Mr. Rothweiler replied that it emulates the existing building.

Ms. Bradford-Blevins said they are out of room in the existing building. The display room in the existing building is now a paint room. When the addition is built, the display room will go back to its original intent.

Member Tipton asked about security for the doors. Mr. Rothweiler replied that it will be the same as the existing building and there will be cameras inside as well. These details will be ironed out when they are ready to move forward with construction.

Member Rice: Is there a rough status on timing and financing? Ms. Bradford-Blevins said they will need to raise 1.6 million once they have been approved.

Member Caito said it looks skateboard friendly, with the large steps and rails. Mr. Rothweiler responded that they'll be looking at anti-skate designs. He added that it needs to function as part of the public park and be safe.

Motion 1:

Member McDowell moved to approve the design concept as presented. Member Dickey seconded. All members voted in favor of the motion.

Motion 2:

Member Varney moved to approve the placement of the Salem Peace Mosaic on the west side of the building. Member Rice seconded. All members voted in favor of the motion.

6. INFORMATION REPORTS

a. Mission Street Parks Conservancy Quarterly Report – Michael Slater, Mission Street Parks Conservancy

Mr. Slater distributed his report and gave a brief summary.

Member McDowell mentioned that the last report included a new website where someone could purchase a plant or tree for the park, and he wondered how it is going. Mr. Slater replied that there have only been three purchased. Member Dickey suggested marketing over the holidays.

b. Parks Planning – Patricia Farrell

- The Minto Brown Island Park restoration grant was received and will start this fall.
- Street Tree inventory and canopy assessment going well. Should have results at the end of the year.
- Battle Creek Park Master Plan survey #2 received close to 800 responses. Three options were presented: Habitat, Recreation, and Blended. 49 percent liked the Recreation option. A large percentage of people like the natural area and green space. Will come up with a preferred option to present at the November 13 public meeting.
- Secor Park moving into construction in 2020.
- In the process of working up 30 percent construction costs for the *Gerry Frank I Salem Rotary Amphitheater*. Phase One of Fairview Park is also getting 30 percent construction costs.
- Upcoming master plans include Eagle's View Park, Geer Park Phase II, and Bailey Ridge Park. Ms. Farrell mentioned that liaisons are needed for Eagle's View Park, Geer Park Phase II, and an alternate to Woody Dukes for Bush's Pasture Park. Eagle's View Park liaison is Member Caito with Member Varney as alternate. Member Dickey will be liaison to Geer Park Plan, and Member McDowell will be alternate to Woody Dukes for Bush's Pasture Park master plan.

Chair Quillinan asked what is being planned for Phase Two of Geer Park. Ms. Farrell said the current plan shows two ballfields and roller hockey but said the roller hockey site might be a better location for a skate park. The park being centrally located in the community lends the opportunity for a large skate park facility.

Member Dickey asked for more trees at the park. Ms. Farrell said *Friends of Trees* will be planting more trees.

- Starting the Capital Improvement Plan process with the new Parks System Development Charge Methodology.
- Pictsweet Property: At the last Board meeting, Member Fridenmaker asked about the possibility of acquiring park property through the development of the Pictsweet property. Ms. Farrell (who wasn't at the September meeting) responded that the City is considering a neighborhood park property at this site. Member Fridenmaker replied that it is a good location for another park.
- The Riverfront Restroom will move forward this summer.
- Ms. Farrell attended the Public Art Commission meeting this week and noted that the Commissioners are excited to collaborate with SPRAB.

Member Tipton asked about the McKay Park playground celebration. This will take place on October 22 at 4:00 p.m. on the west side of the park at the new playground. A flyer was distributed to the Board members.

Member Fridenmaker added that the Salem Comprehensive Plan update plans for 60,000 more people in Salem. How do we inform people on how to increase canopy while population is increasing? How do you balance? Ms. Farrell said SRC Chapter 808 Preservation of Trees and Vegetation (specifically, 808.060(b)) requires an assessment every census year to measure the effectiveness of this chapter.

c. Parks Operations Update – Jennifer Kellar

- McKay Park play equipment has been installed and fall material blown in. Site furnishings not in yet. The celebration is Tuesday, October 22 at 4:00 p.m.
- Last month the Board endorsed an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Oregon Dept. of Fish and Wildlife to remove a trail and deteriorating fishing dock in Minto-Brown Island Park and restore the area as native turtle habitat. Ms. Kellar updated the Board by saying City Council approved the IGA, and the dock and asphalt path have been removed and temporary fencing installed.
- The City has entered into a partnership agreement with Chemeketa Community College Horticulture Department. They will propagate plants for City to display in public areas on their behalf.
- Parks Operations is part of a new City program through Albertina Kerr to provide people with developmental disabilities training to acquire skills that will allow them better opportunities in the job market. Parks Operations will have six individuals actively working with parks staff.
- Boy scout projects: Built a fence to protect native flowers. Built a turtle basking station.
- Safe Routes to Parks Program through Salem Leadership Foundation. Parks Operations was involved at the very end of the process. A project at Woodmansee was identified. Two curb cuts were constructed to provide accessibility.

Member Rice said he was in Wallace Marine Park last week. He came to the slough area and there was some heavy equipment work going on. Ms. Kellar said the work is being done on private property adjacent to Wallace Marine Park. The intent is to provide a 10-foot electric fence to deter transient camping on the property.

Chair Quillinan: What is happening at Englewood Park with the play equipment? Ms. Kellar said there have been requests by users to have curbing installed around the playground. This was done and fall material blown in.

d. Recreation Services Update – Becky George

The tree lighting is Friday, December 6. The ceremony begins at 6:00 p.m. with opening activities, followed by the big event.

7. NEXT MEETING

November 14, 2019

8. ADJOURN

6:55 p.m.