



SALEM PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

December 12, 2019

Traffic Control Center Conference Room 325

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT

Diana Dickey
Woody Dukes
David Fridenmaker
Kasia Quillinan
Dylan McDowell
Patty Tipton
Micki Varney

MEMBERS ABSENT

Tony Caito
Paul Rice

STAFF PRESENT

Jennifer Kellar
Tibby Larson
Jennifer Scott
Shana Mancia

1. ROLL

Paul Rice was marked absent.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

November 14, 2019 minutes approved.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment received.

4. BOARD ITEMS/PRESENTATIONS

a. Tree Committee Meeting Summary – Dylan McDowell

Mr. McDowell presented a summary of the Tree Committee meeting of November 26. He indicated there would be one more meeting on December 17 and then they would remain an ad-hoc committee. At the last meeting they wrapped up some work on the tree code and looking at next steps to make changes.

5. ACTION ITEM

a. Proposal to Send a Letter to City Council Regarding the December 9 City Council Deliberation Regarding Locating Camping on Park Property – Chair Kasia Quillinan

Chair Quillinan's statement is summarized as follows. She does not recommend that any of our parks be used as a permanent camp for the homeless. She would like to write a letter, approved by the Board, and send to the Mayor and City Councilors. She added that the risk to parks is so great if we allow this and cannot afford the expense and liability. She felt that staff sent a pretty good report to City Council and even though City Council said they are not considering permanent camping, but will have a warming shelter through the winter, the issue could be resurrected. The Board needs to be proactive and make a statement to Council.

Motion

Member McDowell moved that the Board does not recommend the establishment of permanent or temporary campsites in Salem parks. Motion seconded by Member Varney.

Vote

All Board members in favor of the motion.

A letter will be drafted and reviewed by SPRAB before sending to City Councilors as a communication item.

6. INFORMATION REPORTS

a. Park Planning Update – Toni Whitler

Riverfront Park

- In January there will be a staff report going forward to City Council providing a status update on Riverfront Park projects.

Battle Creek Park Master Plan

- The third public meeting was November 13, and Ms. Farrell is now presenting the draft master plan to SGNA tonight. Since Battle Creek Park is an urban park with a city-wide service area, she'll be visiting city-wide neighborhood associations who request a presentation of the plan. The plan will be brought forward to SPRAB on February 13, and the master plan is expected to be completed by the end of March.

Eagle's View Park Master Plan

- Second public meeting is January 15 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at Roth's West Salem. Neighbors will be reviewing alternative designs and providing feedback.

Bush' Pasture Park Master Plan

- An RFP for Bush's Pasture Park master plan will go out in January.

Woodmansee Park Master Plan Amendment

- There will be an expansion of the ASR treatment facility at Woodmansee Park due to a requirement by the Oregon Health Authority. At this time, there will be an update to the current master plan for the park. ESA is the consultant of record on the master plan update and we are currently reviewing their proposal. There will be more information forthcoming regarding this planning effort.

Friends of Trees Plantings

- January 11 – Tree planting event at Wallace Marine Park
- December 7 planting brought over 100 volunteers to Cascades Gateway Park where 50 trees were planted in partnership with Capital Disc Golf Association.
- All Friends of Trees plantings begin at 9:00 a.m. and end at noon.

b. Parks Operations and Recreation Services Update – Jennifer Kellar

- Salem won the bid for a national girls' softball tournament that will bring in 30-40 teams next year.
- The Holiday Tree Lighting event on December 6 was very successful with a large turnout.
- Milan Davis is the new Urban Forester. He is from Alabama and will start work in Salem on February 10, 2020. Staff is very excited about his expertise in both urban forestry and public outreach.
- Eleven trees at Bush's Pasture Park are scheduled for removal. None of the trees designated for removal are oaks. Outreach was conducted to South Central Association of Neighbors, Kimberli Fitzgerald of Historic Landmarks Commission, Woody Dukes, SPRAB Horticulture Representative, and Mission Street Parks Conservancy. All parties were in consensus for the removal. The trees have been posted and are going through the removal process with Ms. Fitzgerald. Expect removal

by end of year and will be replaced with same or similar tree. For those trees that are no longer available, cuttings will be taken by a nursery to grow the variety.

7. NEXT MEETING

January 9, 2020

8. ADJOURN

6:50 p.m.