



**KEIZER PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD  
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES  
Tuesday, August 9, 2022  
6:00 p.m. Keizer Civic Center**

**CALL TO ORDER** – Chair Tanya Hamilton called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.  
Attendance was noted as follows:

**Present**

Tanya Hamilton, Chair  
David Loudon, Vice Chair  
Matt Lawyer  
Lisa Cejka  
Clay Rushton  
Mathew Poteet  
Gwen Carr

**Absent:**

Katie Brady  
Michael Pantalone

**Council Liaison Present**

Councilor Shaney Starr

**Staff Present**

Debbie Lockhart, Deputy City Recorder

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Staff noted correction in first paragraph. Lisa Cejka moved for approval of the July 2022 Minutes as corrected. Matt Lawyer seconded. Motion passed as follows: Hamilton, Loudon, Lawyer, Rushton and Cejka in favor with Poteet and Carr abstaining and Pantalone and Brady absent.

**APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS:**

*Carol Phipps*, Keizer, representing the West Keizer Neighborhood Association, announced that the association was planning an event at Palma Ceia Park on September 11 to move the large piles of wood chips that are there. She requested that staff arrange to divide the two large piles into smaller ones so that volunteers could clean out the undesirable debris and move the chips with their wheelbarrows. Matt Lawyer indicated that he would work with Robert Johnson to get a tractor there before the event to rearrange the wood chips. Ms. Phipps added that the park bench that sits on the dyke is hard to get to because of the ivy and suggested that the ivy be removed.

*Clint Holland*, Keizer, complained about extensive vandalism taking place in area parks. Because Keizer Rapids Park seems to be targeted most often, he suggested that a locking gate be placed at the entrance and fencing be installed from the house on Chemawa to the dog park and continue to the next entrance. Matt Lawyer encouraged everyone to talk to people and say it is not acceptable behavior. He noted that Keizer Police work hard to educate people; the City is trying to do nice things for the citizens and it takes a lot of money and time, and vandalism undermines these efforts.

## NEW/OLD BUSINESS

### Band Approvals for KRA Summer Concert Series: Eagle Eyes Band

Lisa Cejka moved for approval of the Eagle Eyes Band for the summer concert series. Gwen Carr seconded. Motion passed as follows: Hamilton, Louden, Lawyer, Rushton, Cejka, Poteet and Carr in favor with Pantalone and Brady absent.

**Plan Parks Tour:** *Palma Ciea, Keizer Rapids and Bair Park suggested by staff.* Board suggested that Bair Park be visited last so that they could see how dark it gets. Clay Rushton added that the parcel adjacent to Bair Park was fenced but the fencing has been pushed back. It is the part that ties the park to the westernmost neighborhood.

Lisa Cejka moved to approve the staff recommendation for the Parks Tour. Clay Rushton seconded. Motion passed as follows: Hamilton, Louden, Lawyer, Rushton, Cejka, Poteet and Carr in favor with Pantalone and Brady absent.

### Park Reports:

- **Mike Pantalone** (Report by Lisa Cejka): *Palma Ciea* is looking good. The trail down to the river is for the adventuresome but usable. | *Sunset* is a beautiful park being enjoyed by many.
- **Clay Rushton:** *Bair Park* is in good shape and has been recently cleaned up. Pathway lighting would benefit the people who use the park to go between the neighborhoods. | *Mike Whittam* is looking good.
- **Mathew Poteet:** *Keizer Little League* is looking very nice from the parking lot to the fields. | *Clearlake* is not touched or developed. There are some large limbs on the ground (in the last 45 days) and it looks like an entire dead tree fell or was knocked down.
- **Matt Lawyer:** *Wallace House* is nice and clean; some parts of the play equipment need to be cleaned. | *Chalmers-Jones* skate park is being well used, center fountain in the splash pad is not working, community garden is lovely.
- **All ~ Keizer Rapids Park:** Lisa Cejka voiced concern about all the tinder at the park and the recent fire. The mowed paths make access to the roads easier and create a firebreak. Many people are using the park on both sides of the river. Briquettes were found dumped on the ground near the river by the adjacent neighborhood.

**KRP TURF FIELDS REPORT:** David Louden reported that he got an email about allowing sponsors to have their names painted on the turf but there has not been a meeting yet.

**STAFF REPORT:** No report. Robert Johnson absent.

**COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT:** Councilor Starr reported that City staff is working on getting a camera system in place for all the parks. Lieutenant Copeland is working with Bill Hopkins and Adam Brown.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

- ❖ *Board Member Reporting to Council:* Mathew Poteet, Monday, August 15
- ❖ *Cancel September Regular Meeting?* David Loudon moved to cancel the September meeting. Mathew Poteet seconded. Motion passed as follows: Hamilton, Louden, Lawyer, Rushton, Cejka, Poteet and Carr in favor with Pantalone and Brady absent.
- ❖ Matt Lawyer reminded everyone of KeizerFEST at Keizer Rapids Park.

**ADJOURNMENT** ~ Meeting adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

***Next Meeting: Parks Tour, September 12, 2022***

Approved: 10-11-22