



**KEIZER PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
Tuesday, October 11, 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
Matt Lawyer
Lisa Cejka
Clay Rushton
Gwen Carr
Katie Brady
Michael Pantalone

Absent:

David Loudon, Vice Chair
Mathew Poteet

Council Liaison Present

Councilor Shaney Starr

Staff Present

Robert Johnson, Parks Division Manager
Debbie Lockhart, Deputy City Recorder

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Lisa Cejka moved for approval of the August and September 2022 Minutes. Matt Lawyer seconded. Motion passed as follows: Hamilton, Lawyer, Rushton, Carr and Cejka in favor with Pantalone and Brady abstaining and Loudon and Poteet absent.

APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS:

Tammy Kunz, Keizer, reported fencing down near the Keizer Little League fields and questioned who to call when she sees vandalism taking place. Robert Johnson indicated that he would look into the fencing issue and that she should call the Keizer Police to report vandalism.

Jacque Green, Keizer, ask how to go about getting a garden spot at Mike Whittam Park for children at the Church on the Hill. Mr. Johnson told her to contact Marion-Polk Food Share for a plot inside the fence but if they want an area outside the fence (to allow easier access for the children) she should contact staff.

NEW/OLD BUSINESS

Park Reports:

- **Mike Pantalone:** *Palma Ciega* is awesome! The scout trail to the river is done. He was able to get to the river and back up with no problem. The cleared lower tree branches allow a great view of the river. It would be nice to have something like a bench in the lower section. | *Sunset* looks good but the bench has been dragged down by the river.

- **Clay Rushton:** *Bair Park* is in good shape. It would be nice to have the old car highlighted perhaps with a pathway and signage. | *Mike Whittam* is looking good.
- **Mathew Poteet:** No report.
- **Matt Lawyer:** *Wallace House* is well used. Trash in the lower area has been cleaned out. He is hoping to do a project with five or six groups of people to do trash cleanup, planting, seeding and perhaps repair work around the area damaged by fire. | *Chalmers-Jones* Skate Park is very active. Helmets are not being used. Some trash around the gazebo.
- **All ~ Keizer Rapids Park:** Lisa Cejka reported that the park is looking good. Picnic tables are being moved from one shelter to another at the Big Toy shelters. Disc Golf people have done a lot of work but there are metal posts left in the ground that are a trip hazard. Robert will work with the disc golf people on this. Matt Lawyer reported that there is some algae growing in protected parts of the Big Toy.

KRP TURF FIELDS REPORT: Lisa Cejka reported that the group looked at possible layout blueprints and they are all well laid out. A complete complex is planned. Parking will be accessed from Chemawa.

STAFF REPORT: Robert Johnson reported that

- The Wallace House trail project is going well. They are using concrete blocks to stabilize the lower part of the trail. The trail will be great for the public to access the river and for staff to clean up the area below.
- Paving will begin at Keizer Rapids Park next week and will include the parking lot near the Disc Golf Course and continue on the pathway towards the river until it meets the currently paved pathway.
- Vandals started a fire in a trash receptacle in the gazebo causing a lot of damage. It will need to be repainted.
- Surveillance cameras are still being explored to reduce vandalism.

COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT: Councilor Starr reported that a work session is scheduled in November to address off-leash dogs in area parks.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- ❖ Tanya Hamilton suggested the placement of recycle baskets in key parks rather than having mixed debris. Lisa Cejka noted that she has seen people going through the trash to retrieve the returnable cans and bottles but that two receptacles would be good because then the trash that is removed to get to the recyclables could be put in the other can.
- ❖ *Board Member Reporting to Council:* Lisa Cejka, Monday, October 17.

ADJOURNMENT ~ Meeting adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

Next Meeting: November 8, 2022

Approved: 11-08-22