



**KEIZER PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD  
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES  
Tuesday, July 11, 2023  
6:00 p.m. Keizer Civic Center**

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

**Present**

Tanya Hamilton, Chair  
Lisa Cejka, Vice Chair  
Clay Rushton  
Katie Brady  
David Loudon  
Gwen Carr  
Matt Lawyer  
Michael Pantalone  
one position vacant

**Council Liaison Present**

Councilor Kohler

**Staff Present**

Robert Johnson, Parks Division  
Manager  
Adam Brown, City Manager  
Debbie Lockhart, Deputy City  
Recorder  
Dawn Wilson, Deputy City Recorder

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Matt Lawyer moved for approval of the June 2023 Minutes. Lisa Cejka seconded. Motion unanimously passed as follows: Cejka, Loudon, Carr, Lawyer, Pantalone, Hamilton, Rushton and Brady in favor and one position vacant.

**APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS:**

*Taken out of order.* Mayor Clark expressed gratitude for retiring *Debbie Lockhart*, Deputy City Recorder, for her taking the lead on The Big Toy project and establishing the kiosks and signage all over Keizer, etc., along with her extraordinary contributions. The City will have a plaque for her.

*Susan Ramsdell* shared information about the water fountain that was at the Keizer Little League Field but has been removed. She requested that it be replaced along with the plaque. Mr. Robert Johnson doesn't have any knowledge of situation but believes that we can replace plaque. Susan said there was a \$350 line item for a new plaque and wants to make sure it's permanently placed on a permanent fountain. Mr. Johnson would like to meet Susan on-site and then make a plan to move forward.

*Peggy and Jerry Moore* updated the committee on Community Garden and how the money was spent from the \$200 grant.

**NEW/OLD BUSINESS**

**Legal Graffiti/Tagging Wall:** *Carolyn and Tom Homan* shared information about legal graffiti walls throughout the country. Discussion followed regarding the graffiti problem,

various walls, floors, and other locations. Board indicated that they felt this was not something that would fall under the purview of parks but would be appropriate for the Arts Commission to address.

Katie Brady will email the Arts Commission. *Tom Homan* may also attend the July 18<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Chair Hamilton said there will be further discussion on a future Agenda.

#### **Park Reports:**

- **Tanya Hamilton:** *Country Glen & Bob Newton Parks'* black containments are looking mucky and spilling over. Mr. Johnson repaired them and replaced one that was broken. He will also replace the play structures in the next two to five years.
- **Gwen Carr:** *Claggett Creek Park* – looking really good. | *Ben Miller Park* looks good and kids are loving the new equipment.
- **David Loudon:** *Meadows Park* looks impeccable as usual | *Wallace House* – no report.
- **Katie Brady:** *Keizer Rapids Park* – there is a missing clip for a disability swing in toddler area. | *Northridge Park* – no report.
- **Lisa Cejka:** *Palma Ciea Park* looks good. | *Willamette Manor Park* – has been tagged several times and graffiti is seeping through cover-up paint. There is one playground with a spinning seat missing. The points of interest signs are weather damaged. Mr. Johnson said we need to take a fresh approach for those signs and possibly remake them.

#### **STAFF REPORT:** Robert Johnson reported that

- Mr. Johnson had large tree limb, the size of a tree, cut down in the *Willamette Manor Park* and will review the tree's health.
- The splash fountain has been open.
- *Ben Miller Park* is open – even though fencing is still up. We will be working on a new landscape and making additional improvements over the summer.
- Graffiti in several parks appears to be gang graffiti.

**COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT:** Councilor Kohler said there is a place on website where you can record tagging and can attach pictures. Thank you to Keizer Rotary for the picnic tables.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** Chair Hamilton recommended participating in “Trashy Tuesday” – July 18<sup>th</sup> 5:30-6:30 at Ryan Jay Hill – meet at the Target parking lot to head out to pick up trash.

**ADJOURNMENT** ~ Meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

***Next Meeting: August 8, 2023***

Approved: 08/08/23