



**KEIZER PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
Tuesday, June 8, 2021
6:00 p.m. Keizer Civic Center**

CALL TO ORDER – Vice Chair Tanya Hamilton called the meeting to order at 6:11 p.m.
Attendance was as follows:

Present

Tanya Hamilton, Vice Chair
Matt Lawyer
Wayne Frey
Mathew Poteet
Clay Rushton

Council Liaison Present

Councilor Smith

Absent:

David Loudon, Chair
Dustin Karstetter
Michael Pantalone
One Position Vacant

Staff Present

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Matt Lawyer moved for approval of the May 2021 Minutes. Wayne Frey seconded. Motion passed as follows: Lawyer, Hamilton, Rushton and Frey in favor, Poteet abstaining, Pantalone, Loudon and Karstetter absent and one position vacant.

APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS: None

NEW/OLD BUSINESS

Grant Request – Isabella Biondi: Ms. Biondi shared information about her proposed Insta-Art project at Keizer Rapids Park and circulated some preliminary artwork that she was working on for the project.

Matt Lawyer moved to approve the concept as described in the application and handouts to allow for art at Keizer Rapids Park. Tanya Hamilton seconded. Motion passed as follows: Hamilton, Lawyer, Rushton, Frey and Poteet in favor with Pantalone, Loudon and Karstetter absent and one position vacant.

Matt Lawyer moved to approve the design and forward said approval to the Public Arts Commission who is making the final approval and recommendation to City Council. Clay Rushton seconded. Motion passed as follows: Hamilton, Lawyer, Rushton, Frey and Poteet in favor with Pantalone, Loudon and Karstetter absent and one position vacant.

Matt Lawyer noted that he believed this project falls within the grant rules and moved to approve the grant request for up to \$300. Matthew Poteet seconded. Motion passed as follows: Hamilton, Lawyer, Rushton, Frey and Poteet in favor with Pantalone, Loudon and Karstetter absent and one position vacant.

Park Reports:

- **Mike Pantalone: Sunset & Willamette Manor** – Written report submitted. Robert Johnson indicated that the erosion concern at Sunset was valid but the erosion is typical of activity along the river edge. It has been observed that over the last number of years the shelf has been slowly moving back and staff is watching it. Work cannot be done without permits and it is not the type of erosion that will wash the park away, but if it continues to get worse something will be done.
- **Clay Rushton: Hidden Creek | Bair** – Both in good shape.
- **Mathew Poteet: Keizer Little League Park** is very clean. Parking lot has some garbage in it. | **Palma Ciega** looks awesome – better than a month ago. It is clear that the Parks Department has been working hard. There are a couple of dead trees standing up toward the north end of the park, west of the River Wall.
- **Matt Lawyer: Northview** no report. | **Wallace House** is in good shape due to the work of volunteers from McNary Junior ROTC and West Keizer Neighborhood Association who recently worked to clear the park and filled a trailer with debris.
- **Wayne Frey: Country Glen** reported that his grandson, Kyle Guptill, painted the Country Glen Park pavilion and tables as his Eagle Scout project.

STAFF REPORT: Robert Johnson reported that

- “For the Love of the Game” was the successful party in the recent request for proposals but there is nothing final yet.
- The cottonwood trees along the trail at Country Glen and the broken ones in the front of the park have been removed and will be replaced this fall.
- To enhance river viewing three new benches have been placed at Wallace House Park as an Eagle Scout project.
- The rubber surfaces at the exercise stations at area parks should be complete by this weekend.
- Splash Fountain is scheduled to open June 22
- There is a new concrete staircase in place at Northview Terrace.
- Parks Division has an open position for someone experienced in grounds maintenance.

COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT: Councilor Smith reported that Council had approved the placement of a Sasquatch carving at Keizer Rapids Park to be installed by June 28 and shared details about the Interim City Manager hiring process.

OTHER BUSINESS: Wayne Frey reported that Wallace House has a Peace Pole. Robert Johnson added that there is one at Ryan J. Hill Memorial Park and Country Glen and one going in at Keizer Rapids Park and at some local businesses.

Tanya Hamilton questioned if area pump stations could be used as parks and/or if the ones near the river could be used for river access. Robert Johnson indicated that he would look into this.

ADJOURNMENT ~ Meeting adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

Next Meeting: July 13, 2021

Approved: 7-13-21