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KEIZER PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD AGENDA
Tuesday, May 11, 2021, 6:00 p.m.
Keizer Civic Center

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION – Jane Herb
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - March 2021 Regular Meeting
 - April 2021 Parks Tour
4. APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS
5. NEW/OLD BUSINESS
 - Points of Interest Park Information Signage Approval
 - Park Reports:
 - Tanya Hamilton: Bob Newton & Ryan J. Hill
 - Dylan Juran: Mike Whittam & Claggett Creek
 - David Loudon: Northridge & Chalmers Jones
 - Dustin Karstetter: Meadows & Ben Miller
 - Wayne Frey: Clear Lake & Country Glen
6. STAFF REPORT
7. COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT
8. OTHER BUSINESS
9. ADJOURNMENT

Reminders: **Next Board Meeting**
Tuesday, June 8, 2021

Board Member Reporting to Council: Clay Rushton, **Monday, May 17**



**KEIZER PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
Tuesday, March 9, 2021
6:00 p.m. Keizer Civic Center**

CALL TO ORDER – Chair David Loudon called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
ATTENDANCE

Present

David Loudon, Chair
Tanya Hamilton, Vice Chair
Dylan Juran
Matt Lawyer
Mathew Poteet
Clay Rushton
Wayne Frey

Absent:

Dustin Karstetter
Michael Pantalone

Staff Present

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

Council Liaison Present

Councilor Smith

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Matt Lawyer moved for approval of the February 2021 Minutes. Tanya Hamilton seconded. Motion passed as follows: Loudon, Lawyer, Hamilton, Juran, Poteet and Rushton in favor with Frey abstaining and Pantalone and Karstetter absent.

APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS: *Carol Doerfler, Carolyn Homan, Rhonda Rich, Kathy Lincoln and Gary Blake*, Keizer, urged the Parks Board to develop Palma Ceia Park as a natural ‘pocket park’ with pathways, benches and viewing platforms, preserving it as a birding site, and replanting the area with native plants. Mr. Blake noted that some neighbors, in response to the apparent neglect of the park, have suggested that the park signage be removed. Kathy Lincoln suggested that the City look into the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board grants for restoration of river property. Lengthy discussion followed regarding removing the old orchard trees to create more green space, the possibility of increased parking in the neighborhood, park boundaries, improvement priorities and the difficulty of removing debris from the lower level which accumulates every year. Parks Division Manager Robert Johnson pointed out that the requested improvements are all included in the 2008 Parks Master Plan and will be completed eventually. He explained that recent park improvements have been priority driven due to the need to replace aging equipment but that Palma Ceia improvements are planned.

Jeff Davis, Keizer, approached the Board with a Matching Grant request sharing information on his application and providing details of funding he had received. He explained that he had just received the matching funds that day.

Tanya Hamilton moved to suspend the rules in order to consider the grant request. Dylan Juran seconded. Motion passed as follows: Louden, Lawyer, Hamilton, Juran, Poteet, Frey and Rushton in favor with Pantalone and Karstetter absent.

Mr. Davis and Mr. Johnson then fielded questions regarding the value of the equipment, labor and fall protection material, the three sites, maintenance, ease of repair, warranty, the timeline and what would happen to the funds in the program if they were not used by the end of the fiscal year.

Matt Lawyer moved to approve the grant as presented for \$14,000. Dylan Juran seconded. Motion passed as follows: Louden, Lawyer, Hamilton, Juran, Poteet, Frey and Rushton in favor with Pantalone and Karstetter absent.

NEW/OLD BUSINESS

Board Member Volunteer/Grade KLL Park Management Proposals: Dylan Juran volunteered. Board expressed support.

Park Reports:

- **Tanya Hamilton: Bob Newton** is looking good but had extensive damage from the ice storm. | **Ryan J. Hill** – nothing new to report.
- **Dylan Juran: Mike Whittam** – Sustained ice storm damage which has not yet been cleaned up by Parks staff. | **Claggett Creek** – Closed due to ice storm damage.
- **David Louden: Northridge** has nothing going on. | **Chalmers Jones** is looking good now that storm damage has been cleaned up.
- **Dustin Karstetter:** (Written report submitted.) **Meadows** looks good but there are downed branches which have led to certain portions of the park being cordoned off. | **Ben Miller** – in very good shape. There is a large pile of branches needing to be picked up.
- **Wayne Frey:** (Report from staff) **Clear Lake:** The grove of fir trees withstood the ice storm well. | **Country Glen:** The maple trees sustained substantial damage and will have to be removed. The trees on the creek side fared better.

STAFF REPORT: Robert Johnson reported that the overall storm damage is the worst he has seen in his career. Staff has been working non-stop and round-the-clock to clean up everything. He thanked Salem Electric for loaning them their wood chipper and truck which allowed staff to remove the debris quickly. Wood chips will be used in area parks for trails. He thanked volunteers who helped with the parks cleanup and announced that all parks are open except Claggett Creek. A contractor has been hired to clean up that park and staff hopes to have it open next week. Grass will need to be reseeded and trees replanted. Old trees were the ones damaged. Younger ones survived well.

COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT: Councilor Smith thanked everyone for their hard work and reported that Council is working on getting some FEMA money to replace expenditures necessary with the cleanup effort.

NEXT MEETING: Matt Lawyer moved that the Parks Advisory Board hold meetings in person until otherwise ordered by a higher authority. Clay Rushton seconded. Motion passed as follows: Louden, Lawyer, Hamilton, Juran, Poteet, Frey and Rushton in favor with Pantalone and Karstetter absent.

Board agreed by consensus to cancel the April 13 meeting since the Parks Tour is scheduled for April 12. Parks to be visited on the tour are: Chalmers Jones Skate Park, Northview and Wallace House. Everyone will meet at the gazebo and caravan from there.

OTHER BUSINESS: Matt Lawyer urged everyone to participate in the upcoming Community Center Cleanup and announced that volunteers will be given lunch when the project is completed.

Dylan Juran will report to Council.

***Next Meeting:** Parks Tour, April 12, 2021 ~ Regular Meeting, May 11, 2021*

ADJOURNMENT ~ Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Approved: _____



MINUTES

KEIZER CITY COUNCIL/PARKS ADVISORY BOARD WORK SESSION

Monday, April 12, 2021 Keizer, Oregon

CALL TO ORDER: Work Session convened at the Chalmers Jones Park gazebo at 5:55 p.m. The following were present:

Councilors:

Cathy Clark, Mayor
Roland Herrera
Laura Reid
Ross Day
Dan Kohler
Kyle Juran
Elizabeth Smith

Parks Advisory Board:

David Loudon, Chair
Dustin Karstetter
Dylan Juran
Mathew Poteet
Matt Lawyer
Wayne Frey
Clay Rushton
Tanya Hamilton

Absent:

Mike Pantelone, Parks Board

Staff Present:

Robert Johnson, Parks
Bill Lawyer, Public Works
Director
Debbie Lockhart, Deputy City
Recorder

CITY PARKS TOUR

Chalmers Jones Park: Parks Manager Robert Johnson explained that the splash fountain is a challenge to manage because it must be operated with measures similar to that of a swimming pool but also has an electrical component for the fountains. Input from skaters was used to upgrade Carlson Skate Park to its current state and it is always busy. Peggy & Jerry Moore Community Garden improvements have been made through Parks Board matching grants and it is well managed. The gazebo is in excellent condition thanks to the extensive efforts of a local Eagle Scout.



Willamette Manor: The group viewed the improved sports court and play structure. Mr. Johnson shared information on the sports court that is striped for tennis and pickle ball.

Wallace House: The clearing that had been done at the lower level and the area that is being readied for exercise equipment were viewed. Mr. Johnson explained that native plants are coming back in the lower level and the plan is to allow the good ones to grow and mow the less desirable ones. He noted that an Eagle Scout would be building three viewing benches in the park. There are no plans to develop the lower area.



ADJOURN Meeting adjourned at Wallace House Park at 7:35 p.m

Approved: _____

Park Blurbs

Paragraphs below with pictures will likely be the ones that will be used for signage. Paragraphs without photos will be considered for inclusion in the Parks Master Plan and on the city website only.



PFC Ryan J Hill Memorial Park was dedicated November 8, 2013. Keizer native Army PFC Ryan Hill died in action in Iraq on Jan. 20, 2007. He was 20 years old when he was killed by an improvised explosive device detonating near his vehicle while he was in Baghdad. He joined the Army in 2005 and deployed the next year to Iraq. The Oregon Veterans Affairs office verified that as of November 8, 2013, PFC Ryan J. Hill was the only Keizer resident killed in action since the City was incorporated in 1982.



Mike Whittam Park

Charles McMichael (Mike) Whittam spent his early years in California and Arizona. He moved to Oregon in the 60s where he began to work for the State Parks Commission. On January 15, 1990, Parcel "B" of the Keizer Little League Park was designated as 'Mike Whittam Park' in recognition of the many ways he served the Keizer community including serving as Chair of the Parks Advisory Board for several years. He is buried at Claggett Cemetery, Keizer, Marion County, Oregon

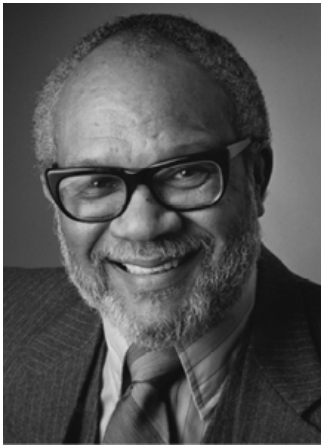


Bob Newton Family Park

Bob Newton Park, formerly Wilark or Willark Park (both names appear on formal documents), was donated by Kenneth and Anna Nielson who named it after the place where they met. The exact town of Wilark is not known, but a good possibility is the old lumber town, now gone, of Willark that was owned by the Clark and Wilson Lumber Company (the name coming from combining the owners' names) and was located near the headwaters of the Clatskanie River in Columbia County. The park was renamed in 2007 to honor former Keizer Mayor and City Councilor, Colonel

James Robert "Bob" Newton (retired).

Mr. Newton served in the Oregon National Guard (1957-1994), City Councilor (1983-1997) and Mayor (1999-2001) and on many civic and military boards during his time in Keizer. He was named Keizer's First Citizen in 1996 by the Keizer Chamber of Commerce.



Chalmers Jones Park

The City bought the land and old school building (used as City Hall until 2009) in 1986. The park was renamed from City Hall Park to Chalmers Jones Park in 1996 to honor a long-time Keizer resident, known for 'breaking racial barriers and his long time service in State Government.

A native of Louisiana, Jones worked his way to the west coast as a radio announcer, washing cars in Portland, Oregon for \$1.00, and as a skycap for United Airlines. It was during his stint as a skycap that he first met Governor Tom McCall. He would later become the first African-American in Oregon's history to serve with Governor McCall on his executive staff. He later served thirteen years on the Oregon State Parole Board retiring as Chairman. Chalmers Jones passed away August 15, 1995.



Ben Miller Family Park

Purchased in 1995 from Elsie R. Mathews, the park was originally named Pleasant View Park. It was renamed to honor long-time Keizer volunteer and businessman Ben Miller and his family. Mr. Miller's donations of equipment and labor were instrumental in developing the park as it exists today. Miller and his wife Donna moved to Keizer in the early 1950s and raised their family (Randy, Robert and Wendy) in Keizer. Miller's sons continue to help with projects in Keizer.



Keizer's Claggett Creek Park

(Original Logo for Park)

was purchased from the

Hardman family in 1963 and conveyed to the City of Keizer as Claggett Creek Park in 1983. Grandfather of Senator McNary, Charles Claggett was born in Kentucky in 1813 and relocated to what is now Keizer in 1852 on 320 acres of land where he burned and sold charcoal and raised stock and grain. For many years he lived in a 16 x 16 foot cabin without a floor, stove or fireplace. Considered one of the honored pioneer settlers, Charles Claggett died in 1902.



Bair Park

Bair Park was once part of 160 acres owned by John and Edna Bair. The couple purchased the land in 1882 and it evolved to include the original Clear Lake School and the Keizer/Clear Lake United Methodist Church. The property that is now Bair Park was sold to the City of Keizer by the descendants, David John Bair, Delbert J. Bair, Mary E. Versteeg and Ruth V. Adams in 1998.

Need photo!!!!

Carlson Skate Park: In early 1995, while listening to yet another complaint from the business community regarding skateboarding and rollerblading on their property, Charlane Carlson decided there needed to be a place for the youth of this community to be safe and free of hassle and to enjoy their sport. In May 1995 she began efforts to generate support for a skate park in Keizer. The excitement and energy of the youth and their willingness to support Charlane in her pursuit led to the formation of the Keizer Skate Park Committee. After many years of research, phone calls, discussion of fundraising ideas

and design suggestions from the kids, a formal presentation was made to the Keizer Parks Advisory Board and later to Council. With support from the City Council and a commitment of financial aid, the official groundbreaking ceremony took place in April 1998. The park was dedicated in July of 1999. The list of people, businesses and organizations that made the park possible is extensive and shown on a plaque in the park.

Paragraphs below will be considered for use on the city website and in the Parks Master Plan.

Keizer Rapids Park

Like the City of Keizer, the Keizer Rapids (also called historically “Keizur’s Rapids”) derives its name from the Keizur family that homesteaded the adjacent area. The name Keizer Rapids preceded the City of Keizer by over a century and is a longstanding recognized feature on many maps. Keizer Rapids Park is Keizer’s newest and largest park and consists of 148 acres; 84 Acres of state-owned property formerly referred to as Beardsley Bar, with the remaining acreage originally owned by Ella Buchholz, Stephen and Rhonda Buchanan, and Winifred Charge. In 2003 the RIVERR (Regional Intergovernmental Visions Enhancing River Resources) Task Force was formed to facilitate the creation of the park. Marion County, City of Salem, Oregon State Park & Recreation Department, National Park Service, Marine Board and the Trust for Public Land all participated in the property acquisition and development of park. Donations from area businesses, non-profit organizations and caring individuals were instrumental in bringing about the amenities including the dog park, amphitheater and the Big Toy.

Sunset Park was platted in 1938 for the exclusive use of owners of Rivercrest Acres. It is the oldest park in Keizer consisting of 1.58 acres donated in 1957 as required by subdivision ordinance by John and Anna Kaeser. At this time it became known as Sunset Park. It is within the Willamette River Greenway overseen by Oregon State Parks Department.

Willamette Manor was dedicated by developer, Ron Jones, as required by the subdivision ordinance. It was surveyed in 1971.

Palma Ciega: .80 acres donated by Edwin J. Becke in May of 1958 as required by the subdivision ordinance. Area is within the Willamette River Greenway overseen by the Oregon State Parks Department. Named for the subdivision in which it is located.

Wallace House Park was originally called River’s Edge Park and was purchased by the City of Salem from the Weeks, Cline and Gottenberg families in 1968. Portions of the site served as a nursery. The location is also the speculated location of the Wallace House, also known as Fort Wallace, which was built in 1812 as a trading post for John Jacob Astor’s American Fur Company. It was the first semi-permanent structure built by Euro-Americans in Oregon’s Willamette Valley. The building itself is long-gone but its approximate location is documented. A map drawn by explorer Nathaniel Wyeth in 1832 placed the ‘old Wallis house’ on the east bank of the Willamette River in present-day southwest Keizer.

Parks listed below will use the verbiage that is currently on the City website and in the current Parks Master Plan:

Northview Park

Northridge Park

The Meadows

Keizer Little League Park

Hidden Creek Park