



**KEIZER PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD  
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES  
Tuesday, March 8, 2022  
6:00 p.m. Keizer Civic Center**

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

**Present**

Tanya Hamilton, Chair (6:06)  
David Loudon, Vice Chair  
Mathew Poteet  
Katie Brady  
Matt Lawyer  
Gwen Carr  
Lisa Cejka  
Michael Pantalone  
Clay Rushton

**Council Liaison Present**

Councilor Starr

**Staff Present**

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

**Absent:**

–~~Mathew Poteet~~  
–~~Katie Brady~~<sup>1</sup>

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Lisa Cejka moved for approval of the February 2022 Minutes. Clay Rushton seconded. Motion passed as follows: Loudon, Lawyer, Carr, Pantalone, Rushton and Cejka in favor with Poteet and Brady abstaining and Hamilton absent at time of vote.

**APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS:**

*Tammy Kunz* explained that she is working with neighbors to form a neighborhood association in northwest Keizer and several people have requested that a small play structure and benches be installed at Mike Whittam Park. Robert Johnson explained that the Master Plan has just been updated and the park remains unchanged but he indicated that he would like input from the neighborhood and would then try to accommodate their requests.

**NEW/OLD BUSINESS**

**Grant Request – Splash Fountain Mosaic:** Michele Roland-Schwartz from the Keizer Public Arts Commission referred to the grant request submitted by the Commission providing details and clarification and fielding questions from the Board. Planell Didier, the mosaic artist, also fielded questions regarding the project.

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<sup>1</sup> Correction made at 04-12-22 meeting

Matt Lawyer moved to approve the grant in an amount not to exceed \$9550 and to encourage the Arts Commission to continue to fundraise for this project to offset the costs. Lisa Cejka seconded.

Discussion followed regarding concern about vandalism and graffiti and funds remaining in the matching grant program.

Motion passed unanimously as follows: Hamilton, Louden, Lawyer, Carr, Pantalone, Rushton, Brady, Poteet and Cejka in favor.

### **Park Reports:**

- **Tanya Hamilton: Country Glen** ~ Looking good | **Northview** ~ Signage is looking worn.
- **Gwen Carr: Claggett Creek** ~ Clean. Nothing broken. Branches in creek that look like beaver dam. | **Bob Newton** ~ Needs basketball net and new tennis nets. Suggested more barbeques to go with the tables. Ground is soggy. Robert shared details of an Eagle Scout project that will help increase drainage and solve some of the soggy issues in a portion of the park.
- **David Louden: Northridge** ~ Still undeveloped. | **Hidden Creek** ~ Looks good, signs are good, freshly mowed.
- **Katie Brady: Meadows** ~ Looks great. | **Ben Miller** ~ Graffiti on playground
- **Lisa Cejka: Ryan J. Hill** ~ Beautiful and clean; water feature not operating. Robert explained that the water feature cannot operate because of poor design. | **Willamette Manor** ~ Looks good.
- **Mathew Poteet: Keizer Little League** ~ New roof being put on dugout – looking good | **Palma Ciea** ~ Two large limbs hanging near entrance and a small tree further into the park leaning into the park.
- **All: Keizer Rapids Park** ~ Lots of beaver in the river, some beaver damage down by the floodplain, downed trees in the disc golf area have been cut and removed from pathways, bark chips look good around the trees.

Mr. Johnson explained that major vandalism happens 2-3 times a month in area parks. Board members discussed how to address this including video cameras or trail cams, live feed, lighting, creating a peer court to put pressure on vandals, and encouraging accountability and positive reinforcement behavior in area youth. It was noted that the vandals are middle school students. Matt Lawyer asked Robert for photographs of the vandalism so that he can share them with the schools and possibly partner to reduce occurrences. Additional discussion followed regarding holding parents responsible and encouraging them to get involved. Mr. Johnson also suggested that the City's Environmental staff could work with the Parks Board and engage with the schools.

**STAFF REPORT:** Robert Johnson reported that 27 additional trees have been planted for a total of 58 new trees in parks; Abiqua Landscaping is leveling, irrigating and hydroseeding the open field near the boat ramp at Keizer Rapids Park.

**COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT:** Councilor Starr reported that the Chamber has asked to hold Keizerfest in Keizer Rapids Park in August. She suggested that the Chamber should make a presentation to the Board; the City was awarded two turf fields in conjunction with ARPA funds. She sent emails to Mayor Clark and Tim Wood regarding vandalism and the status of Peer Court in order to get more input and information on reducing vandalism.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** Matt Lawyer reminded everyone of the annual Civic Center cleanup and Soggy Day in the Park.

Gwen Carr will report to Council.

**ADJOURNMENT** ~ Meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

***Next Meeting: April 12, 2022***

*Approved: 04-12-22 as corrected*