



SALEM PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

August 9, 2018

Traffic Control Center Conference Room 325

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT

Tony Caito
Woody Dukes
Bill Fujii
Kasia Quillinan
Carol Snyder
Patty Tipton

MEMBERS ABSENT

David Fridenmaker

STAFF PRESENT

Glenn Davis
Patricia Farrell
Jennifer Kellar
Tibby Larson
Toni Whitler

1. ROLL CALL

David Fridenmaker was marked absent.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The June 14, 2018 minutes were approved.

3. APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS

Michael Slater

4. BOARD ITEM

a. Citywide Volunteer Recognition Nominations

This discussion has been postponed until information about the volunteer awards is announced by the City Manager's Office.

b. Committee Selection for Upcoming FY 18-19 Projects

The following SPRAB members were selected to represent the Board at upcoming park master plan efforts. Their role is to attend the master plan public meetings and give a status report to the Board.

Battle Creek Park Master Plan: Dave Fridenmaker, Kasia Quillinan

Geer Community Park: Patty Tipton

Secor Park: Dave Fridenmaker, Woody Dukes

Stephens-Yoshikai Community Park: Dave Fridenmaker

City Center Park and Trail Plan: Kasia Quillinan, Woody Dukes (alternate)

5. PRESENTATIONS

a. Volunteers in Action Report – Tibby Larson, Parks Volunteer Coordinator

Ms. Larson presented her annual report to the Board and also brought Parks Volunteer shirts for each board member.

b. Park System Development Charge (SDC) Methodology Update – Glenn Davis, Chief Development Engineer

Mr. Davis gave a summary of the Parks SDC Methodology Committee's recommendations. In addition to park SDCs, the City is also updating transportation and utility SDCs. The update should go before City Council early next year and go into effect by July 2019.

6. INFORMATION REPORTS

a. Fiscal Year 18-19 Preview of Park Projects – *Jennifer Kellar, Patricia Farrell*

Ms. Kellar and Ms. Farrell presented a PowerPoint presentation covering park operations, planning, and tree planting projects for fiscal year 2018-2019.

Member Snyder asked if the drinking fountain would be part of the Cascades Gateway dog park parking lot upgrade. She added that the Salem Parks Foundation has raised the money for the drinking fountain. Ms. Kellar said due to cost they are only doing the ADA parking area. It could be rolled in but it depends on the actual cost of the parking lot project and to run a water line to the fountain.

Member Caito asked about the second phase of Eola Ridge Park. Ms. Kellar said she believes that is in the CIP for FY20/21.

Michael Slater asked whether there could be tree plantings on private property. Ms. Farrell said it would be too hard to control on private property. He added that there are some plum trees in poor condition at Mill Race Park.

Chair Quillinan noted cherry trees that are dead on 12th and Center across from the old Wells Fargo building. Ms. Farrell said she would relay this to the urban forester. Ms. Farrell said ideally they will develop a plan to identify trees in poor condition and replace.

Ms. Farrell said that they are collecting a statistical sample tree inventory by a seasonal, Olivia Poblacion. She is collecting data on species and health, and noting gaps where trees are needed. Certain street segments have been identified for the sample. Olivia hopefully will give a presentation to SPRAB at some point before she completes her term in November. Ms. Farrell added that a private company, Treecology, has been hired to focus on street tree planting and also is focused on providing a diversity of tree species in new plantings to reduce disease and improve urban forest resilience.

Chair Quillinan asked for more, large canopy shade tree plantings. She added that she'd like the City to look into permeable sidewalks. There are large gaps in existing sidewalks in her neighborhood. Ms. Farrell said this is a decision by Engineering, but one of the issues is having the right maintenance equipment to vacuum up the grit.

b. Park Planning Update – Patricia Farrell

Riverfront Park Master Plan Update

- The 3.8 acre site is going through a zone change from South Waterfront Mixed Use to Central Business District (which is what the rest of Riverfront Park is zoned). The land use application has been submitted and will go to Hearings Officer, signs will be posted at the park site with date of hearing.
- The next public meeting is September 18, 6-7:30. There will be a Council work session on the 24th of September and will come to SPRAB on October 11. For the SPRAB meeting, the public will be invited to come and give comment on the plan which will then be included in the Board's recommendation and forwarded to City Council for their consideration and adoption. It is expected to go to City Council on November 13. Ms. Farrell added that following adoption there will be a push for construction next summer in preparation of the Rotary amphitheater construction. Julie Titchbourne is coming to SPRAB in September to discuss the Pringle Creek Trail connection.
- Art in the Park

Ms. Farrell updated the Board on Art in the Park. She talked a bit about the recently selected artist, Lillian Pitt, and her work that will be installed at Mill Race Beautification. She added that the Art Commission has a long term goal to place art in other park locations, outside of the downtown area.

c. Park Operations and Recreation Services Update – Jennifer Kellar

Operations

- Ms. Kellar is working with Eugene Fire District to assist them in the installation of a life jacket station similar to the one at Wallace Marine Park.
- The drinking fountain at Grant School Park is in the process of being replaced.
- Working with IT to replace the lock system at Pringle Community Hall with a proxy system so the doors can be programmed to lock and unlock; the doors will also be replaced.

Events

- *Movies in the Park* has had the largest attendance in its 11-year history for *Incredibles* and *Coco*. Donations at the last two movies received over \$600 each movie. *Greatest Showman* and *Star Wars, The Last Jedi* are the final movies of this season.

Softball

- Ms. Kellar recapped the national tournament that took place the previous weekend when the Board visited the park on their park tour. Fall ball started last Sunday, August 5.

Summer Programs

- Summer programs complete in two weeks. 2,500 participated last year; this year attendance is at 2,600 so far.
- Rec programs were marketed at the Family Building Blocks event at Riverfront Park. Oregon State Fair reached out to Recreation to provide outdoor recreation activities. They will accept that offer and use that as another marketing approach.

Oregon Recreation and Parks Association Conference

- Ms. Kellar said that if anyone is interested in attending the Oregon Recreation and Parks Association conference to let her or Toni Whitler know. The conference will be early November and in Sunriver this year.

7. ADDITIONAL ITEMS

- Member Tipton, who is also Chair of Lansing Neighborhood Association, said she held National Night Out at Livingston Park, but was so hot only a few families attended. A lot of giveaways for the children. KBZY was there and Charlie Fox, the DJ, gave yo-yos to the children. He indicated that he'd like to do more community events and asked that people contact him with event information.
- Ms. Farrell followed by saying that there was an inquiry from the owner of a new newspaper called *Salem Reporter* who wanted to get his information out to the City boards and commissions. He was told that he could come to a meeting and speak to SPRAB. Jen Kellar said it is Les Zaitz who inquired, and he is affiliated with Keizer Times.

8. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will take place September 13, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

9. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.