



SALEM PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

March 8, 2018

Traffic Control Center Conference Room 325

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT

Tony Caito
Woody Dukes
Kasia Quillinan
Kyle Smith
Carol Snyder

MEMBERS ABSENT

David Fridenmaker
Bill Fujii
Micah Moskowitz
Patty Tipton

STAFF PRESENT

Mark Becktel
Patricia Farrell
Jennifer Kellar
Courtney Knox-Bush
Becky George
Toni Whitler

1. ROLL CALL

David Fridenmaker, Bill Fujii, Micah Moskowitz, and Patty Tipton were marked absent.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The February 8, 2018 minutes were approved.

3. APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS

- a. Ken Ploeser, Creek Walk Project
- b. Gary Deming, West Salem Neighborhood Association

4. BOARD ITEM

a. Annual Report 2017

The Board continued discussion on the annual report for 2017. Changes were made to the draft *Accomplishments* and *Goals* that will be incorporated and brought back to the Board for final review.

5. INFORMATION REPORTS

a. Oregon Environmental Commission Call for Art in Salem to Honor 1971 Bottle bill

– Courtney Knox-Bush

Ms. Knox-Bush spoke regarding the Oregon Environmental Council (OEC) call to Art to recognize the 1971 Bottle Bill. Public Art Commission is responsible for overseeing this effort. OEC gave the Commission \$15,000. Art Commission will match this amount. Park locations for consideration are along Water Street in Riverfront Park and Mill Race Beautification area.

Chair Quillinan asked about funding to which Ms. Knox-Bush replied that there is \$30,000 to spend, \$15,000 from OEC and \$15,000 from the Art Commission.

b. Eco Earth Globe Restoration

Ms. Knox-Bush said the Eco Earth needs restoration and she is currently waiting on an assessment to determine how to move forward. There is no funding earmarked at this time and she will be seeking grant funds for the work.

c. Salem Strategic Plan – Courtney Knox-Bush

The Strategic Plan developed the 2018 Council Policy Agenda. This is a new process by which City Council will determine budget priorities based on the values and goals defined by Council. The policy agenda allows Council to set policy and then have staff rework the budget along these lines.

Chair Quillinan asked when outreach for the priority based elements will commence. Ms. Knox-Bush said sometime in the fall of this year.

Chair Quillinan added that land use such as mixed use development needs to be addressed as part of the strategic planning process.

d. Recreation Services Update – Becky George

- Recreation Guide - Ms. George mentioned that the recreation guide will be coming out the week of April 2.
- Softball registration is closed and games will start the week of April 8.

e. Park Planning Update – Patricia Farrell

- Hilfiker Park – Ms. Farrell said a preferred design for Hilfiker Park will be presented to the neighborhood association and SPRAB before going to City Council for adoption.
- Riverfront Park Master Plan - Survey #2 closes tonight, and there has been good feedback received thus far. Ms. Farrell said that after meeting with consultants, they decided to push out the timing of the next public meeting to late April due to the design aspect of the Rotary amphitheater and to better coordinate the preferred design with the Downtown Streetscape Design.
- Minto Brown Tree Planting - Friends of Trees planting will take place on Saturday, March 24.

Chair Quillinan asked to have Captain Chesbrough of the Willamette Queen on an upcoming agenda to present his proposal for placement of a historic paddlewheel.

f. Parks Operations Update – Jennifer Kellar

- Cooperative Use Agreement and Maintenance Agreement with Salem Keizer School District (SKSD) – Ms. Kellar said they are currently working with SKSD on the two agreements. Pending still is the finalization of the property transfer between the two agencies. Closing on the properties has been delayed until the end of June.
- Ice Rink – The ice rink completed its season and the sand cap is being installed. The Rink was a success with 34,000 tickets sold.
- Fishing program at Cascades Gateway Park – Ms. Kellar mentioned that Recreation Services wants to solicit grant funding from Walmart for a fishing program at Walter Wirth Lake at Cascades Gateway Park.
- Working with Friends of Pioneer Cemetery to look at projects at the cemetery.

g. City of Salem Budget Committee Meetings – Mark Becketl

Mark Becketl announced the schedule for the upcoming Budget Committee hearings. The meeting dates are April 25, May 2 and May 9. Mark Becketl and Jennifer Kellar will present the Parks and Recreation budget for FY 2018-2019 at the April 12 SPRAB meeting.

6. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will take place April 12, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

7. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.