



**MINUTES
KEIZER CITY COUNCIL/PARKS ADVISORY BOARD
WORK SESSION**

**Monday, September 14, 2009
Keizer Civic Center
Keizer, Oregon**

CALL TO ORDER The Work Session convened at 5:50 in the Council Chambers with the Council members present agreeing that because the Mayor and Council President were absent Richard Walsh would chair the meeting. Meeting moved to the kitchen for sandwiches. The following were present:

Councilors:

Lore Christopher, Mayor
(6:00 pm)
Richard Walsh, Councilor
Cathy Clark, Councilor
Brandon Smith, Councilor
David McKane, Councilor
Mark Caillier, Councilor

Absent:

Jim Taylor, Councilor

Parks Advisory Board:

Vickie Hilgemann
Marlene Quinn
Garry Whalen
Rick Day
Clint Holland
Alex Pelico
Jeanne Bond-Esser
Christine Dieker

Absent:

David Philbrick

Also Attending:

Mark Richards, K-23

Staff:

Rob Kissler, Public Works
Bill Lawyer, Public Works
Terry Witham, Parks
Debbie Lockhart, Deputy City Recorder

Agenda Change Members agreed to visit the parks listed on the agenda in the opposite order.

**Civic Center
Fountain**

The fountain area of the civic center park was visited first with Terry Witham explaining the operation of the fountain and control button. He noted that because the permit is for the calendar year, the fountain will not be operational until 2010 and that it would be winterized soon. Discussion also took place regarding resurfacing the skate park.

**Wallace House
Park**

Members walked around the park viewing the permeable surface parking lot, kiosk, play structure and walking trail. They discussed locations for the benches and picnic tables and planned trail to the river.

Palma Ceia Park

The parking lot and results of the clean-up efforts along the bank and under the trees were viewed. Mr. Witham explained that a kiosk is planned for the park as well as additional signage. Members discussed park boundaries, making this park the next riverfront park, improving the pathways to the lower "shelf" and placing picnic tables there.

**Keizer Station
Park**

Rob Kissler explained that this park was a piece of ground set aside by the developer as part of the Master Plan green space. It is a maintained wetland with irrigation, a fountain, and stormwater features. He noted that the aspen

trees were part of the original nursery and were retained. The group walked over Labish Creek with Mr. Kissler pointing out that the area is being used to improve the wetland for birds and waterfowl. Christine Dieker suggested that a portion of the dirt area near the park could be paved for parking and possibly used for the Iris Festival tent, the Farmers Market, and basketball courts. She noted that Schreiber-Donahue has indicated a willingness to do this until the area is developed. Mayor Christopher urged Councilor Smith to bring this suggestion to the Keizer Urban Renewal Board for consideration.

Keizer Little League Park

Discussion took place regarding changing the name of the park from "Keizer Little League Park" to "Keizer Ball Park" or "Keizer Diamonds Park". Lengthy discussion took place regarding improving drainage in the fields, automating the irrigation system and possible funding options as well as marketing the fields to bring in tournaments.

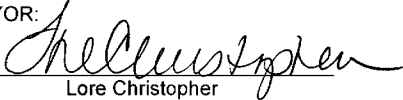
Civic Center Parking Lot

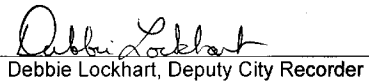
Councilor Smith noted that he would work with Community Development Director Nate Brown regarding paving the area discussed at the Keizer Station Park as a multi-use surface. Staff agreed to work with Keizer Little League and Keizer Youth Sports Association to determine if funding is allocated for irrigation improvements. All those in attendance commended Public Works staff for the park improvement efforts and Council also commended the Parks Board for their efforts.

ADJOURNMENT Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

MAYOR:

APPROVED:

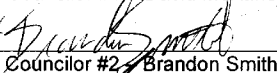

Lore Christopher

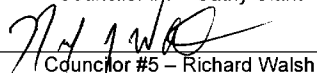

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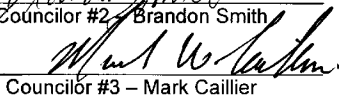
COUNCIL MEMBERS


Councilor #1 - David McKane


Councilor #4 - Cathy Clark


Councilor #2 - Brandon Smith


Councilor #5 - Richard Walsh


Councilor #3 - Mark Caillier

~ Absent ~
Councilor #6 - James Taylor

Minutes approved: October 5, 2009