



MINUTES
KEIZER CITY COUNCIL/PARKS ADVISORY BOARD
WORK SESSION
Monday, September 13, 2010
Keizer Civic Center
Keizer, Oregon

CALL TO ORDER The Work Session was called to order at 5:50 in the Civic Center employee break room. The following were present:

Councilors:

Lore Christopher, Mayor
Richard Walsh, Councilor
Cathy Clark, Councilor
Brandon Smith, Councilor
David McKane, Councilor
Mark Caillier, Councilor
Jim Taylor, Councilor

Parks Advisory Board:

Jeanne Bond-Esser
Garry Whalen
Clint Holland
Danny Boyd

Absent:

David Philbrick
Rick Day
Alex Pellico
A.J. Nash
James Parent

Also Attending:

Rex Robertson, K-23
Ron Christopher, Citizen
Julie Thomas, Citizen
Steve Thomas, Citizen

Staff:

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

Parks Advisory Board Chair Jeanne Bond-Esser reviewed the parks listed on the agenda and provided an update on improvements to those parks.

Rob Kissler reported that the City had received a grant for the improvements made at Ben Miller Park which were made in partnership with Claggett Creek Watershed Council and the Keizer Rotary. Councilor Caillier added that the weed mats were developed by and purchased from Garten who is now producing them for other organizations.

Meeting recessed at 5:55 p.m. for the ride to Keizer Station Park.

Meeting reconvened at 6:05 p.m.

Participants viewed the Marie Dorian kiosk with staff explaining that the developer built the park as part of the stormwater drainage system. The area was part of the original drainage and it was incorporated into the development. Participants expressed the opinion that additional signage was needed to direct people to the park.

Meeting recessed at 6:20 p.m. for the ride to Mike Whittam Park.

Meeting reconvened at 6:25 p.m. at Mike Whittam Park.

Participants walked around the gardens which included both vegetable and flower gardens. Bill Lawyer explained that more plots would be established

**KEIZER
STATION
PARK**

**WHITTAM
COMMUNITY
GARDEN**

when funding is available and that there had been no problem with vandalism. He added that there will be a "clean up" in conjunction with the Marion-Polk Food Share sometime after Halloween and that in February the plots will be made available for lease for another year (February to February).

Meeting recessed at 6:35 p.m. for the ride to Ben Miller Park.

BEN MILLER PARK

Meeting reconvened at 6:40 p.m. at Ben Miller Park.

Participants briefly viewed the improvements from the bridge. Mayor Christopher noted that she had never seen the park looking so good.

Meeting recessed at 6:45 p.m. for the ride to Wallace House Park.

WALLACE HOUSE PARK

Meeting reconvened at 6:50 p.m. at Wallace House Park.

Participants walked the grounds of the park viewing the grassy area, paved pathway and play structure.

Meeting recessed at 7:00 p.m. for the ride to Keizer Rapids Park.

KEIZER RAPIDS PARK

Meeting reconvened at 7:10 at Keizer Rapids Park.

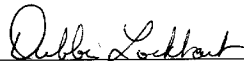
Clint Holland reviewed the plans for improvements at the dog park. Discussion took place regarding the possibility of developing an alternate entrance to the park to reduce wear and tear and to allow rehabilitation of the grass. Terry Witham explained that he would be putting out signage to notify users that the small dog park would be closed for repairs and small dogs will have to share space with the large dogs. He noted that the entire park would be closed for eight months starting the first week of October in order to make improvements.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at Keizer Rapids Park at 7:35 p.m.

MAYOR:

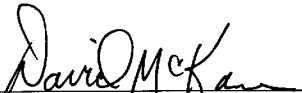
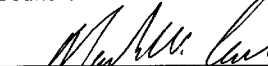
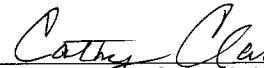
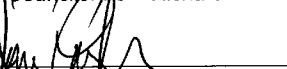
APPROVED:



Debbie Lockhart, Deputy City Recorder

Lore Christopher

COUNCIL MEMBERS


Councilor #1 – David McKane
Councilor #2 – Brandon Smith
Councilor #3 – Mark Caillier
Councilor #4 – Cathy Clark
Councilor #5 – Richard Walsh
Councilor #6 – James Taylor

Minutes approved: October 4, 2010