



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

**Monday, September 9, 2013**  
**Keizer Civic Center**  
**Keizer, Oregon**

**CALL TO ORDER** The Work Session was called to order at 5:45 in Room A of the Civic Center.  
The following were present:

**Councilors:**

Lore Christopher, Mayor  
Cathy Clark, Councilor  
Dennis Koho, Councilor  
Joe Egli, Councilor  
Kim Freeman, Councilor  
Jim Taylor, Councilor

**Absent:**

Marlene Quinn, Councilor

**Parks Advisory Board: Staff:**

Richard Walsh  
Clint Holland  
Rick Day  
Bill Criteser  
Tanya Hamilton  
Brandon Smith  
David Loudon

**Absent:**

Jason Bruster  
Robert Jones

Bill Lawyer, Public Works  
Robert Johnson, Parks  
Debbie Lockhart, Deputy City  
Recorder

**PUBLIC  
TESTIMONY**

Jason Cripe with Oregon Summer Concerts asked permission to hold a 3-day outdoor camping and music festival which would include a disc golf tournament at Keizer Rapids Park in August of 2014. He explained that a similar event was held in Scio this summer adding that he would expect up to 15,000 people to attend. Discussion then took place regarding the impact to the community, parking, hours, and conflict with the RiverFair.

Mayor Christopher directed Mr. Cripe to present the proposal at the October Parks Advisory Board meeting. She explained that if the Parks Board approves the plan, they would forward it to Council for consideration.

Participants carpooled from the Keizer Civic Center.

**KEIZER LITTLE  
LEAGUE  
PARK**

Clint Holland pointed out that the concession stand and irrigation system need to be upgraded and fences and bleachers need repair. Bill Lawyer explained that the retaining wall is almost complete (City portion complete) and funding for irrigation upgrades is in the City budget. Kurt Barker with Keizer Youth Sports explained that \$3,000 received from the concession stand went into the budget to maintain the fields; with the assistance received by the City, KYSA is now operating in the black. As long as the

organization continues to operate in the black, repair of fences and bleachers should be possible.

## **NORTHRIDGE PARK**

Chair Walsh pointed out that this is the City's "Best Kept Secret" and could be part of a lengthy linear park. He distributed an aerial view of Claggett Creek Park and Northridge Park showing how it could easily qualify as a linear park that would extend from Claggett Creek Park to Albertsons. He explained that there are only two parcels of private property that bisect the park and suggested that Council be ready to act should an opportunity for land acquisition occur. Making funding available for this kind of opportunity could be part of the purpose of the long-range funding mechanism that the Parks Board is currently discussing. It was noted that this park would be perfect for a recreational bike/pedestrian trail and transportation grant funds could be used. It was agreed that this could be on a priority list, but not one of the top ones.

## **COUNTRY GLEN PARK**

Council and Board members viewed another option for a linear park and pathway at this park. Mr. Walsh pointed out that this is the old dairy land property and it now belongs to a wetland organization; the pathway is not inside the City's urban growth boundary. He noted that if there is an interest in a linear park, this area is the most viable option. Councilors indicated that they felt this was a higher priority than Northridge. Mr. Walsh also pointed out that ivy is taking over many trees in area parks and the City should consider spending funds to remove it before the trees are killed.

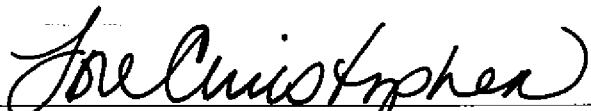
## **KEIZER RAPIDS PARK**

**Charge House:** Councilors and Board members noted the distressed condition of the house. Mr. Day reviewed the proposed improvements noting that Straub Environmental Learning Center has shown an interest in partnering with the City to make the house and yard into an education facility. He added that it could be used for classes during the day and as an amphitheater support room in the evenings. Mr. Holland noted that Mr. Alvarez had complained to him that an off-leash dog killed one of his chickens. He has requested that the City put up the fence that they promised him.

**Play Structure:** Areas for the play structure were viewed and discussed.

**ADJOURNMENT** Meeting concluded at Keizer Rapids Park at 7:50 p.m.

MAYOR:

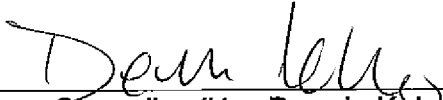
  
Lore Christopher

APPROVED:

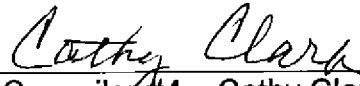


Debbie Lockhart, Deputy City Recorder

COUNCIL MEMBERS



Councilor #1 – Dennis Koho



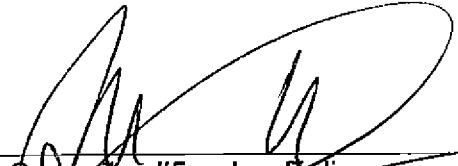
Councilor #4 – Cathy Clark



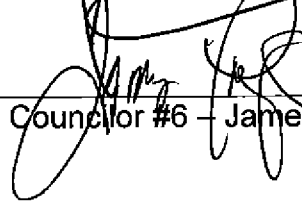
Councilor #2 – Kim Freeman

~ Absent ~

Councilor #3 – Marlene Quinn



Councilor #5 – Joe Egli



Councilor #6 – James Taylor

Minutes approved: October 7, 2013