

MINUTES
KEIZER CITY COUNCIL AND PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
JOINT WORK SESSION

Monday, September 9, 2024
Keizer Rapids Park, Keizer Little League Park and Ryan J. Hill Memorial Park

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Clark called the meeting of the Keizer City Council to order at 6:02 p.m. Chair Lawyer called the meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board to order at 6:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL Roll call was taken as follows:

Present:

Cathy Clark, Mayor
Shaney Starr, Council President
Soraida Cross, Councilor
Kyle Juran, Councilor
Daniel Kohler, Councilor (and Parks Board)
Laura Reid, Councilor

Staff:

Adam Brown, City Manager
Bill Lawyer, Public Works Director
Robert Johnson, Parks Division Manager
Melissa Bisset, City Recorder

Parks & Recreation Advisory

Board Present:

Matt Lawyer, Chair
Lisa Cejka, Vice Chair
Tanya Hamilton
Gwen Carr
Michael Pantalone
Clay Rushton
David Loudon
Bob Shackelford
Jill Gust

Youth Liaison Present:

Liam Stitt

2024 CITY PARKS TOUR - IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER:

- a. **Keizer Rapids Park - Starting at the Amphitheatre** The Members convened at the Keizer Rapids Park - Keizer Rotary Amphitheatre.

Parks and Facilities Division Manager Robert Johnson shared the status of the pickleball court. There was discussion about the scheduling of the courts.

Public Works Director Bill Lawyer spoke on the use of the fields for soccer in two directions, and he provided an update on equipment and lighting for the fields.

b. Keizer Rapids Park – Artificial Turf Fields

The artificial turf fields at Keizer Rapids Park were visited. Representatives from Mid-Valley Soccer Club and the Salem Women's Football Association were present and announced that they had formed a new nonprofit to manage the artificial turf fields.

Mayor Clark commented that the City would be working with the new nonprofit on a model that would serve the players and community in a way that maximizes the use of the fields.

c. Keizer Little League Park

The Keizer Little League Park was visited. There were comments about creating a smoother walkway for accessibility. There was discussion regarding American Disability Act (ADA) compliance, concerns with repairs and safety of the bleachers, and walk-throughs with the managers of the park.

Mr. Lawyer commented on the tremendous improvements made to the park over the years. Mayor Clark noted that the park was added to the City's Master Plan, which would help facilitate necessary maintenance.

The water drainage issue was discussed and the seriousness of the City complying with the stormwater permit. The limited amount of parking was discussed.

d. Ryan J. Hill Memorial Park

The Ryan J. Hill Memorial Park was visited, and Public Works Director Lawyer shared how the park was named. Ryan J. Hill was the only Keizer resident who was killed during active duty.

There was conversation on how well the new Gold Star Memorial would add to the park and how important it would be to have momentum for its funding and construction.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

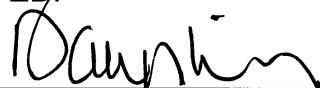
ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned: 7:35 p.m.

MAYOR:


Cathy Clark

APPROVED:


Dawn Wilson, Deputy City Recorder

Minutes approved: 10/07/2024

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