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CITY OF COOS BAY
PARKS COMMISSION
PARKS MASTER PLAN
LUNCH / WORK SESSION
MINUTES OF
November 7, 2013

Members Present: Chairperson Christine Coles, Commissioner Ariann Lyons,
Commissioner Jennifer Stephens, Commissioner Carmen Mathews
Commissioner Patty Scott, Commissioner Beverly Meyers and
Commissioner Mike Vaughan.

Members Absent: Commissioner Bill Otton

Staff Present: Randy Dixon, Operations Administrator and Pam Patton

Guests Present:

Location: City Hall – Council Chambers
Coos Bay City Hall – 500 Central Avenue

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL / APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairperson Christine Coles called the meeting to order at 12:15pm.

NEW BUSINESS –

- Developing a Park District. The idea of developing a park district had been discussed at a city council meeting with Mayor Shoji's interest in seeing us crossing boundaries and looking beyond our scope but perhaps bringing in North Bend, as well as, the County to form a district. Topics discussed were ideas of creating a User Fee re: the dog park, collecting of fees within a Recreational District. Forming a task force/committee to define type of district, useful areas to focus on, tax base as in the college and hospital, a combination of monies i.e., SDC's. Since the Parks Master Plan has been adopted and will be advertised and will go out to the public, it was decided to wait on any further discussion until we have more public response. Delay discussion until after the first of 2014 to have times to formulate ideas to submit to the council. The commission decided to wait on discussing the development of the dog park until after funding has been obtained to move to the next level of development.
- Vaulted Vending for Water Fowl brought to the commission by Friends of Mingus Park. The commission discussed briefly regarding the feeding of ducks and geese. The benefits of a vending system that would promote a healthier bird, less chance of transmission of disease and with appropriate nutrition; we can control population growth. Also with food vending, the water(s) would remain in balance, ecologically. It was decided to do more research and incorporate education of the public on the importance of proper feeding of the birds in the parks.
- Advertisement Schedule for the Parks Master Plan: KCBY dates are November 11 – 17th with a follow-up lunch meeting on November 18th with KCBY bringing them up to date from the time the Parks Master Plan began to be updated and developed to the present time.

- Public Presentation Schedule set for November 20th at the downtown fire station from 6pm to 7pm and November 21st at SWOCC from 6pm to 7pm. These meetings are not for input but specifically delivery of information.

OLD BUSINESS –

- Reviewing the revising from the City Council, pages 3, 25 and 63. Page 3 under Preface, the addition of a paragraph making reference to ‘implementation of the plan would be contingent upon available resources, e.g. grant funding for capital improvements and funding for ongoing maintenance.’ The Commission had a conflict with the wording and found it to be offensive on a whole with the work that has been put forth by everyone. It can be perceived as a lack of respect of the talent, input and time put forth by committees. The main focus was the language as the commission felt it would be a hindrance to obtaining grants and various funding sources. It could be easily interpreted as there being little commitment to the project. Chapter 8 of the Master Plan is totally directed to funding.
- Review of the overall master plan with focus of funding. Parks should be viewed or included with infrastructure in keeping up with the expense of maintenance and long term cost.
- Addition of the VIC as a recreation place. It is a facility but the surrounding open space which is included under Streetscape.

COMMISSIONERS CLOSING COMMENTS -

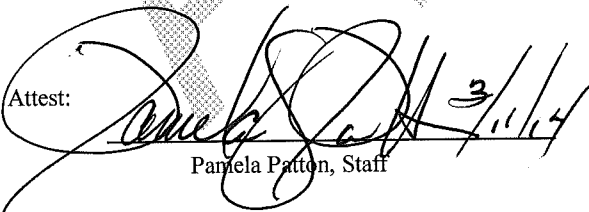
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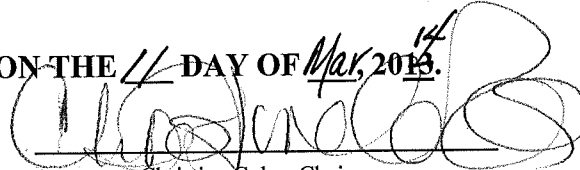
There being no further business to come before the Parks Commission, by consensus of the Parks Commission, Chairperson Coles adjourned the meeting at 1:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pamela Patton,
Public Works and Development

APPROVED BY THE PARKS COMMISSION ON THE 11th DAY OF Mar, 2013.

Attest: 
Pamela Patton, Staff


Christine Coles, Chair