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CITY OF COOS BAY
PARKS COMMISSION MINUTES OF
January 12, 2017

5 **Members Present:** Chair, Christine Coles, Ariann Lyons, Bev Meyers,
6 Bill Otton, Patty Scott and Shaun Gibbs
7 **Members Absent:** Ralph Mohr
8 **Staff Present:** Operations Administrator, Randy Dixon and Pam Patton
9 **Guests Present:** Don Hynes
10 **Location:** City Hall Conference Room ** Meeting time was 4pm to 5pm
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13 **1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL / APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

14 Christine asked for a motion to approve the October 13th and November 17th minutes.

15 **MOTION:** Ariann motioned to accept the October and November minutes as written

16 **DISCUSSION:**

17 **SECOND:** Patty

18 **VOTE:** Ayes. Vote was unanimous and motion carried.
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20 **2. NEW BUSINESS**

21 1. Recycle Bins to be placed at several locations: Mingus Pool, Mingus Sports Park and the
22 Visitors Information Center. Star of Hope requested to place recycle bins at various sites
23 with the intention of future locations if they are used as anticipated. The bins will need to be
24 secured and locked down. Star of Hope will be responsible for ongoing maintenance and
25 replacement of bins. City Council agreed for them to do a test run December 13, 2016. The
26 City would then do an MOU with the Star of Hope. Christine asked for a motion to accept.

27 **MOTION:** Bev motioned to accept the Star of Hope's proposal to place recycle bins at
28 various locations.

29 **DISCUSSION:**

30 **SECOND:** Patty

31 **VOTE:** Ayes. Vote was unanimous and motion carried.

32 3. Christine requested the meeting time be moved to the third Thursday of each month and
33 meeting time changed to 4pm. It was discussed among them and they agreed that the new
34 date and time would work best for all of them. Jackie, the administrative assistant will be
35 given the new meeting times.

36 4. Christine encouraged for the parks commission attend a council meeting to show support
37 and giving the council an opportunity to meet the commission. Everyone check their
38 calendars and Randy will check with Jackie on agendas. It was agreed on February 7th and/or
39 March 7th would be the best dates.

40 **3. OLD BUSINESS**

41 1. Randy gave a brief update on the Old Wireless Ln/Englewood Dike. The city is
42 responsible for approximately 100 feet of the dike because it abuts Old Wireless. At one
43 time the county was responsible for the dike but when the immediate property owners formed
44 the Englewood Diking District the County has not contributed towards maintaining the dike.
45 The Wrights were the last property owner on Old Wireless Ln. and felt it was time to move.
46 They did a voluntary land acquisition by selling their home, 1485 Old Wireless Ln, to the
47 city because of the continued flooding of the dike.

48 The County won't come to the table to help with funding to repair and maintain the dike, and
49 the property owners are not capable of coming up to the match for the FEMA funding of
50 \$125,000 for engineering/\$750,000 for construction, which will require 25 percent for each
51 match for the property owners to come up with. There is a meeting January 12th at 6pm with
52 the diking district members and the County. If they are unable to move forward on the
53 funding, there is an opportunity for the City to go in a different direction. Develop the area
54 into an open space/recreational space. ODFW will provide 100 percent funding with no
55 match on the city's part. Just raise the land 10 feet, which will be level with the dike, put in a
56 parking lot, walking trail and making a trailhead point. Randy is also looking at Rails to
57 Trails System.

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59 **4. Don Hynes – Fitness Equipment in John Topits Park**

60 Don came before the Parks Commission to discuss the placement of the Fitness Equipment in
61 John Topits Park. Don brought the Commission up to date beginning with letters of support
62 and his implementation of the fund raising. Don shared a little of his background and how
63 his training has changed his lifestyle and how his health has benefitted.

64 Don's concern with the Parks Commission is they didn't comply with his request of having
65 the equipment placed in a circuit layout. The commission reaffirmed to him that they did
66 comply but it was the manufacturer who recommended the one location for the full benefit of
67 the cardio workout. It was also more cost effective to do one location for site set up and for
68 continued maintenance. Several reasons to support the one-site location were given but he
69 stated he felt betrayed. Don asked that they place one piece on site and place the second
70 piece maybe a 1/4 mile from the main site and see how the public responds, put it to the test.
71 The Commission, as well as, Randy repeatedly tried to explain that from an economically
72 and manufacturer standpoint, the benefits to the public, considering the trail walking surface,
73 lighting, visibility and safety, the Commission has taken under consideration all the
74 components and it was decided to install the equipment at one location.

75 The Commission thanked Don for his wonderful job and his contribution to the City and the
76 public who will benefit from the equipment. This is a true inspiration of what one person can
77 do and contribute back to their community.

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79 **5. COMMISSIONERS CLOSING COMMENTS –**

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81 **6. ADJOURNMENT**

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83 **There being no further business to come before the Parks Commission, by**
84 **consensus of the Parks Commission, Bill adjourned the meeting at 4:50 p.m.**

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86 Respectfully Submitted,

87 Pamela Patton,

88 Public Works

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90 **APPROVED BY THE PARKS COMMISSION ON THE 16 DAY OF February, 2017.**

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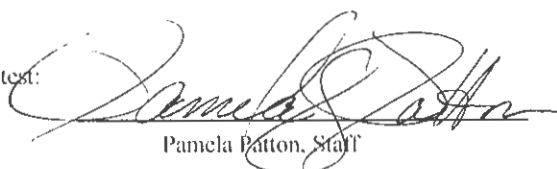
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Attest:



Pamela Patton, Staff



Christine Coles, Chair