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CITY OF COOS BAY
PARKS COMMISSION MINUTES OF
June 15, 2017

5 **Members Present:** Chair, Christine Coles, Ariann Lyons, Bev Meyers, Bill Otton,
6 Patty Scott, Ralph Mohr and Shaun Gibbs

7 **Members Absent:**

8 **Staff Present:** Operations Administrator, Randy Dixon and Pam Patton

9 **Guests Present:** Kady Wolfgard (she was unable to make it)

10 **Location:** City Hall
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13 **1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL / APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

14 Christine asked for a motion to approve the May 18th minutes. Minutes were not available.
15 Minutes of April 20th were signed as they were missed at the May 18th meeting.

16 Ralph wanted to add an item to New Business. Christine reminded the commission that the
17 meetings were to be conducted according to parliamentary procedures. If they would like an item
18 added to the Agenda, they should do so before the meeting. Ralph was allowed to add his request
19 for New Business to the Agenda.
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21 **2. NEW BUSINESS**

22 1. Since Kady was unable to make the meeting, Randy gave some information about her
23 proposal. Kady has built some birdhouses for a 4-H project that she would like share by having
24 them placed in a park or city facility. Randy shared some light regarding the risk of vandalism
25 or being stolen, creating a liability to the city. Kady had not specified how many she had in
26 mind. Many questions as to location, maintenance and/or cleaning. The size of the hole will
27 dictate the species of bird it attracts, as well as, the height where the house is placed. There
28 were too many variables and Randy suggested that Kady send her presentation to Pam and she
29 would forward to each of the Parks Commission. By doing so, they could review and give their
30 insights at the next meeting. Randy did mention that logistically, Empire Lakes would be the
31 best fit allowing the staff to access the trails with a flatbed for placement of the houses and also
32 making serviceability easier. They could be placed off the trails where public couldn't access.

33 2. Ralph asked if you could drive on the Boardwalk? His wife witnessed someone trying to
34 drive on the Boardwalk during the Festival of Sails. They were seeking a place to park. Randy
35 stated that only City staff service vehicles could drive on the Boardwalk. Ralph suggested that
36 perhaps signage be posted or some type of gating or locking system to prevent public vehicles
37 from having access.

38 3. Bridges at Empire Lakes. Randy thought it best to do this project in phases. Begin to look
39 at the John Topits facility upgrades as a whole. Getting soil tests, getting a count of foot traffic
40 of inner loop. Letters of Support i.e., ESD, Hospital(s) BAH & Coquille Valley.
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42 **3. OLD BUSINESS**

43 1. Randy was asked for **project updates**. **Mingus Parks** has remaining \$375,000 of grant
44 funds. Randy is looking at the idea of him running the Pool project acting as the General
45 Contractor. City staff can do demolition with removal of all oil lines and supplies. Use of the

46 City's on-call plumbing and electrical contractors that are on contract and have a third-party
47 come in to do the concrete work. The time line will remain unchanged: August 7th thru October
48 15th.

49 **2. Golden Avenue Roadway Reconstruction.** Just now advertising. Bid opening scheduled
50 for July 14th. This will be a total rehabilitation, 4th to 7th Street; retaining fence/wall; road storm
51 and sewer. This will be a 4-month time line from start to finish.

52 **3. Empire Blvd Project** has been a long haul. Looking at July 30, 2017 to reopen Fulton and
53 completion.
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55 **5. COMMISSIONERS CLOSING COMMENTS –**

56 Ralph asked if there is anything in the works of expansion of the docks? Randy reminded them
57 that \$900,000 was included in the Parks Master Plan. The City will be dependent on grants.
58 Randy also mentioned the potential failure this fall of the Boardwalk Dike. The Oregon
59 International Port of Coos Bay is owner of the dike and the City has the wearing surface. There
60 was discussion of what things can be done. Invite them to a Council Work session. Email the
61 Port as a resident not as a parks commission representative. Contact individual Commissioners
62 around August September. With the dike in the forefront, the Boardwalk is on hold by the
63 government.

64 Bev commented the continued vandalism at Choshi Gardens. Bev and her husband have put in
65 40hrs over the months dealing with the bamboo etc.

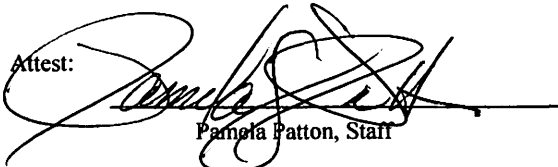
66 Christine asked the status of the Streetscapes for the North and South entrance points. The City
67 Council has asked for revisions to the design that were discussed at the April 25th work session.
68 The Council has asked the Design Assistance Team weigh in on the design concept.

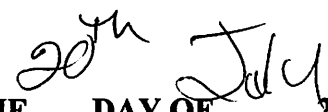
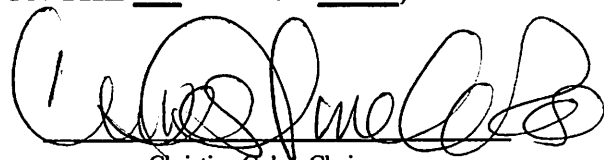
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70 **6. ADJOURNMENT**

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72 **There being no further business to come before the Parks Commission, by**
73 **consensus of the Parks Commission, Bill adjourned the meeting at 5:00 p.m.**
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76 Respectfully Submitted,
77 Pamela Patton,
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80 **APPROVED BY THE PARKS COMMISSION ON THE ___ DAY OF July, 2017.**

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86 Pamela Patton, Staff
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Christine Coles, Chair