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CITY OF COOS BAY
PARKS COMMISSION MINUTES OF
September 21, 2017

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

Members Absent:

Staff Present: Operations Administrator, Randy Dixon and Pam Patton

Guests Present: none

Location: Ed Lund Park – 135 S Wall St. Due to weather, the meeting was moved
inside the fire station.

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL / APPROVAL OF MINUTES – August 17th

MOTION: Ralph moved to accept the August 17th minutes as written

DISCUSSION: None

SECOND: Bill

VOTE: Ayes were unanimous, motion carried.

2. NEW BUSINESS

- S 10th Street Park – Lighting – Cost Effective Solar Lighting Solution
Randy brought a handout of the lighting (3) that was chosen for the park. The
commission thought this was a good choice and going “green” with technology and
design was a positive. Randy mentioned that this was considered a test case going all
solar. Lights were being funded through Marshfield High School. The battery cost is
\$150 and it is to be funded through the Parks Maintenance line item of the budget. The
Chair asked for a motion to accept.

MOTION: Patty moved to accept the proposed Park lighting

DISCUSSION: None

SECOND: Bill

VOTE: Ayes were unanimous, motion carried.

- Randy brought to the commission concern over the condition of the John Topits green
restroom located at the lower lake, Ackerman entrance. Randy proposed that Roto
Rooter replace the entire wood-sided restroom with two (2) new ADA restrooms. They
will pour a slab and the restrooms will be anchored to the slab. The commission all
agreed to replace. Chair asked for a motion to accept.

MOTION: Ralph motioned to accept the proposal to have Roto Rooter replace the restroom.

DISCUSSION: None

SECOND: Patty

VOTE: Ayes were unanimous, motion carried

42 • Needs for the Ed Lund Park under the Parks Master Plan. Randy reminded the
43 commission that the park rehab and playground improvements were done a few years
44 back and everything was sitting good under the Parks Master Plan. It was mentioned
45 that should the Empire Fire Station close, it is recommended that it be designated to
46 become part of the park. Everyone liked that idea.

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48 • Special Events and Signage. There were concerns over an event that occurred at the
49 Gazebo in Mingus Park. There were various flags and posters (political) displayed.
50 Some were offensive. The commission discussed the use of “Free Speech” and sensitive
51 language and the question if it was addressed in the Parks Master Plan. Randy stated
52 that the City has codes that will address events and Park usage/signage. There is some
53 concern about providing a designated area or ROW for Free Speech Events to be held.
54 The need to keep it out of public space was discussed.

55 • Plaque of Appreciation and Thank Card – Don Hynes for the fitness equipment in the
56 John Topit’s Park.

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58 **3. OLD BUSINESS**

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60 **4. COMMISSIONERS CLOSING COMMENTS –**

61 The commissioners discussed the need to begin a Bike Master Plan. Randy mentioned that
62 requires a buy-in from Council. He would rather see the development of a Parks & Recreation
63 District to be formed with the City of North Bend and the County. Pooling of resources and
64 endeavors would allow us to accomplish great things for the enjoyment of all residents and
65 visitors to our communities. There is a great demand on the Cities General Fund by Fire, Police
66 and Parks. It only stretches so far.

67 Further discussion on the absence of a city council representative attending the Parks meetings.

68 Continued problems at the Choshi Gardens with vandalism. The camera is not helping, if it’s
69 working, as there’s been no confirmation from anyone.

70 Continued discussion over the Pedway Mural and the lack of communication between the City
71 Council and Parks Commission. It was asked if there is a cover seal over the mural regarding
72 graffiti and vandalism.

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74 **5. ADJOURNMENT**

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76 **There being no further business to come before the Parks Commission, by consensus**
77 **of the Parks Commission, Christine adjourned the meeting at 5:30 p.m.**

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79 Respectfully Submitted,
80 Pamela Patton,
81 Public Works

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83 APPROVED BY THE PARKS COMMISSION ON THE 22 DAY OF February, 2018.

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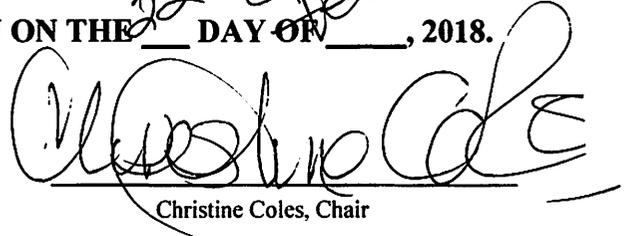
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Attest:



Pamela Patton, Staff

22 February

Christine Coles, Chair