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CITY OF COOS BAY
PARKS COMMISSION MINUTES OF
March 10, 2016

Members Present: Chair, Christine Coles, Ariann Lyons, Bev Meyers,
Bill Otton, Carmen Matthews.
Members Absent: Patty Scott, Ralph Mohr, Thomas Leahy
Staff Present: Randy Dixon, Operations Administrator, Pam Patton
Guests Present: **Stuart Love, ODF&W, John McLaughlin, ODF&W**
Location: City Hall Conference Room
Coos Bay City Hall – 500 Central Avenue

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL / APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Christine Coles called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. and asks for a motion to approve the minutes of December 12, 2015.

Motioned: Ariann made the motion to accept the minutes as written
Seconded: Carmen
Vote: Aye, Unanimous. Minutes approved as written.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS –

NEW BUSINESS –

- Canadian Geese in Mingus Park -

Christine introduced ODF&W. Stuart Love is the District Wildlife Biologist, based out of the Charleston office. They are not the management authority but doesn't mean they can't get involved and help. They did tour the park and confirmed that the geese were definitely aggressive and could see that we had a problem. There is a Federal Migratory Birds Treaty Act and the US Fish & Wildlife is the management authority. Stuart directed us to look at Bandon as an example of how they dealt with their numerous issues with Swans, Canada Geese and other birds. Stuart spoke with his headquarter office, which has a go between with the two agencies. Brandon Rigeous, who deals with migratory birds, and he suggested the following:

- Non-lethal approach
If you have observed them trying to nest, destroy the nest. If eggs are present, it requires a special permit. They start usually early March to as late as June. They will sit on the nest about 24 days to hatch and there will usually be 5 to 6 in a brood. The process requires almost daily monitoring and record the information which will help if we have to go to another level of control.
- Remove lethally but must have Federal approval
- Relocate most likely would have to be out state. Their homing instinct is unbelievable.
- Public Education – Why we are destroying empty nests. No physical contact. When display of aggression, have a parks employee chase them back into the water. Be preemptive with a PSA/PR. Stuart will contact the Roseburg office as they have great PR material. He'll have Megan start to do some research.
- They are a migratory bird but most of them are resident.

- 50 - Furry Friends – Request for a Memorial Bench and Doggie Station –
51 • Location of the bench is south of the Boardwalk entrance, the fifth bench, will have a
52 bronze plaque, “Dedicated in loving memory to all members of Furry Friends Therapy
53 Dogs, Inc., who have crossed the Rainbow Bridge.” They will donate a “DogsPot”
54 disposal system to be placed near the bench on the grassy area near the chain across from
55 the bench. They would also like a plastic engraved plaque added to the mounting post of
56 this waste station that reads “Donated to the City of Coos Bay by Furry Friends Therapy
57 Dogs, Inc. They will cover the expense, which they budgeted at \$450 a year ago. They
58 will do a little PR after it is placed.
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60 Motioned: Ariann made the motion to approve the plaque and dog station

61 Seconded: Christine

62 Vote: Aye, Unanimous. Motion was approved.
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64 UPDATE -

65 - Mingus Pool Projects (Three Projects: Plaster, Tile and Mechanical)

66 • ZCS Engineering has finished the design. The design went to W D Smith out of
67 Washington for review. We should be ready next week to go out for an RFP – Work will
68 be August – September (8wks). Randy will revisit the Pool schedule with Kathy for the
69 closure times.

70 • Mingus Park Hours. Waiting on Captain Chapanar’s log of calls before taking
71 recommendation to the City. With the park open 24hrs has increased the transient
72 problems and issues in Choshi garden.

73 • Waterfront Trail sign/renderings
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75 COMMISSIONERS CLOSING COMMENTS –

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77 Discussion among the members regarding the homeless and transient
78 Ariann mentioned how surprised some of her clients were when they knew are parks were free!
79 Bill also mentioned on comments he’s heard about how friendly and clean our community is.
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81 ADJOURNMENT


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83 **There being no further business to come before the Parks Commission, by**
84 **consensus of the Parks Commission, Chair adjourned the meeting at 1:15 p.m.**
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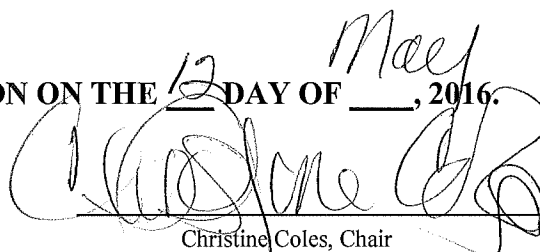
86 Respectfully Submitted,

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88 Pamela Patton,
89 Public Works and Development
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91 **APPROVED BY THE PARKS COMMISSION ON THE ¹² DAY OF ^{May} _____, 2016.**
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98 Pamela Patton, Staff


Christine Coles, Chair