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CITY OF COOS BAY
PARKS COMMISSION MINUTES OF
May 12, 2016

Members Present: Chair, Christine Coles, Ariann Lyons, Bev Meyers,
Ralph Mohr and Patty Scott.
Members Absent: Carmen Mathews and Bill Otton
Staff Present: Randy Dixon, Operations Administrator, Pam Patton
Guests Present: Devin Patel, The World, Don Hynes and Carol Davis
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. with a roll call taken. The chair then asked for a motion to approve the minutes of March 10th.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS –

- Christine introduced guests Don Hynes and Carol Davis to report on the fitness equipment for the John Topits Park. Mr. Hynes handed out his material and copies of the pieces of equipment being considered. He was happy to announce that his project was awarded a grant from the Coquille Indian Tribe for \$7,000. Monies donated to date were \$2,125 bringing the total amount to \$9,125. The cost including shipping and handling will be \$9,790 leaving a shortfall of \$655. The commission agreed to petition the Council to allocate the \$655 towards the purchase. There were questions on the pieces of equipment that had been voted on by the commission and the two pieces Don presented. It was agreed to move forward with the 2-person wheelchair accessible chest press and the 4-person leg press.

There was discussion regarding the location, setup and mobilization costs. Randy mentioned that it would be more cost effective if they placed both pieces at one site. Don mentioned that we missed the boat on the Bay Area Hospital health grant. The hospital awards annually health grants to local organizations and Ariann thought it would be to our advantage, since an ADA piece of equipment had been chosen, to apply for this grant for future pieces of equipment. The awarding of those grants was March 6, 2016.

Don then announced he was stepping down that his mission had been completed and it was time to do some fishing. He introduced his successor, Carol Davis, who will follow up and continue to lobby for future purchases.

Councilman, Tom Leahy, questioned the sustainability of maintenance costs over time. Randy estimated the initial cost of mobilization and setup to be approximately \$7,500 (curbing at \$2,500 and fall material that is rated for safety at \$5,000) with a yearly maintenance cost being approximately \$100 for painting and “fluffing” the fall material which adds to its longevity allowing more time before looking at replacement of materials, approximately every three years.

48 Christine asked for motion to accept the of the two pieces equipment that had been
49 chosen, 2-person wheelchair accessible chest press and the 4-person leg press, and make
50 a recommendation to Council to cover the shortfall and approve the purchase.

51 **MOTION:** Patty motioned to accept the proposed 2 pieces of equipment and
52 to make a recommendation to the Council to consider covering the
53 amount that the fund was short, \$655.

54 **DISCUSSION:**

55 **SECONDED:** Christine

56 **VOTE:** Ayes were unanimous and the motioned carried

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58 **NEW BUSINESS –**

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60 **UPDATE -**

61 - Canadian Geese in Mingus Park -

62 • It was reported the geese have settled down considerably and the commission agreed that
63 they should continue to be monitored.

64 - Furry Friends – Request for a Memorial Bench and Doggie Station –

65 • Randy notified Furry Friends and they were pleased and excited that the Parks
66 Commission agreed with the placement of the memorial bench and doggie station. He
67 also mentioned that the plaque has been made. The doggie station has now been ordered.

68 - Mingus Pool Projects (Three Projects: Plastering of the Pool, Tile and Mechanical System)

69 • All of the Pool projects were advertised May 27th and June 3rd with bid opening June 24th
70 at 4pm.

71 • Randy continues to discuss any changes and schedules with Kathy McNutt regarding the
72 closure of the pool. Closure is scheduled for August 8 into September. Randy will do a
73 PSA when the contracts have been awarded. All work is to be completed by September
74 12th.

75 - Christine gave a brief update on the progress the Boardwalk/City Docks Committee was
76 making.

77 • The visioning of the Boardwalk is to divide it into commercial and recreational areas.
78 Christine also encouraged everyone to go online and look at various marinas and cities
79 and the development of public space. Tom highly recommended seeing a documentary
80 that Connect the Boardwalk will be showing at the Egyptian regarding connectivity and
81 public space. Christine encouraged everyone to check out the “Project for Public Space”
82 online. Randy will be drafting a staff report to take to council for an update.

83 • Bev Meyers gave a brief update regarding Choshi Gardens. On May 5th, a China and
84 Japan joint tradition is to recognize a children’s celebration day that centers on the Lunar
85 Moon. To join in their celebration, 11 windsock/kites of varied colored Choi fish were
86 donated by Joe and Toni Hudson, new residents to Coos Bay. The windsocks were hung
87 at the red bridge. Unfortunately, Bev reported that they all had been stolen by that
88 following Monday. Bev was truly saddened to report the theft to the Hudson’s. Randy
89 suggested in the future, the windsocks should be hung by a cable hand-crank hoist to
90 discourage theft.

91 - Randy updated the various projects generated from the 2015 Storm Event.

92 A reported \$1.5M of damages, with the state declaring a state of recovery with
93 FEMA/FHWA bearing the costs if the City falls within three percent of the federal

94 estimate of costs, they will cut a check. Projects are: West Park Rd Slide Repair; Coos
95 River Hwy Culvert Replacement and Pavement; Englewood Dike and city shop's dike.

96 The city agreed to do a buy-out of the Wright's property, the only home on Old Wireless,
97 eliminating the need for the pumping station that costs an estimate of \$2,000 per year to
98 operate. OEM will pay the 75 percent towards the cost of the home with the city paying
99 the remaining 25 percent. The city will be able to recover that by eliminating the
100 pumping station.

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102 **COMMISSIONERS CLOSING COMMENTS –**
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104 Patty asked where we were regarding the bridge being replaced at Empire Lakes. Trying to work
105 with sizeable grants, the conflict is grants that may be competing. Randy is looking at the
106 original master plan and returning to replacing just the two bridges and the remaining to be taken
107 in small bites. Randy stated that sustaining costs, maintenance dollars, on any project, is a major
108 factor in determining grants and matching funds. We have to consider the city's budget. Parks
109 Master Plan has benchmarked dollars, which are currently 94 cents an acre with the average
110 being \$4 an acre of open space. There must be a plan, no capital plan no financial plan.
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112 Ralph inquired about the near drowning of someone at Mingus Pool. He was concerned about
113 the lifeguard situation and the liability. The City is over the maintenance of the asset and the
114 Pool Management is over the day to day operations. It should be taken to them to address and
115 Randy will make Rodger aware of your concern.
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117 Tom mentioned that the 2017 tall ship event was cinched up yesterday. Now the challenge is to
118 draw the public. There will be a fundraiser at the boat center. This will be a get together dinner
119 with the Tall Ship crew.
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121 Christine brought everyone's attention to the continued activity in Mingus Park with increased
122 smoking and loitering. And with the weather lifting, she would like the meetings held at one of
123 the parks, especially when we are scheduled on the agenda of City Council.
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125 **ADJOURNMENT**
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127 **There being no further business to come before the Parks Commission, by**
128 **consensus of the Parks Commission, Chair adjourned the meeting at 1:15 p.m.**
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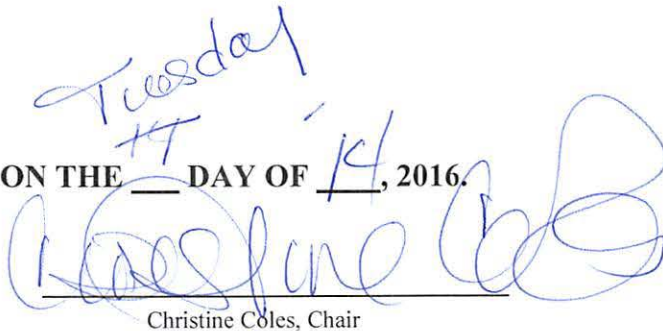
130 Respectfully Submitted,
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132 Pamela Patton,
133 Public Works and Development
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135 **APPROVED BY THE PARKS COMMISSION ON THE** 14 **DAY OF** Tuesday **, 2016.**
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140 Attest:

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142 Pamela Patton, Staff

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Christine Coles, Chair