

MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF UMATILLA
PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE
May 8, 2018
6:30 PM
Umatilla City Hall, Council Chambers

- I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL** – Meeting called to order by Chair Finck.
Committee Members Present: Shane Finck, Kassie Williams, Shelly Parmelee, and Kristle Wyant
Late Arrival:
Committee Members Absent: Natasha Ugarte and Tina Ridings.
City staff in attendance: Community Development Director Tamra Mabbott, RARE Volunteer/GIS Matt Tsui, Community Development Coordinator, Esmeralda Horn
Council Members in Attendance:
Guest in attendance: Kelly Nobles, Mark Ribich, Hilda Martinez, and Karen Gehlan.
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** March 13, 2018 and April 10, 2018. Motion to approve minutes made by Kassie Williams. Motion seconded by Shelly Parmelee. Motion carried 4-0.
- III. OLD BUSINESS:**
- A. Tree City – Status report by Staff**
Esmeralda stated Arbor Day was a success. New Red Maple tree has been planted at Kiwanis Park on Arbor Day April 27, 2018. Coloring contest winners from McNary Heights received their gifts. Five Umatilla residents won a tree giveaway and picked up their tree of choice at Kopacz. All events observed are part of the process to submit entry for Tree City USA.
- B. Park Improvements – Status report by Jason**
Tamra Mabbott reported on behalf of Jason, stated Kiwanis Park will break ground in May for the new Basketball court and playground equipment. Also stated all Park rules and signs have been posted.
- Question from committee member Kassie regarding why improvements are focused on Kiwanis Park and not others.
- Esmeralda explained certain funds collected from residential development in McNary are required to go back to parks in McNary, the park of focus is Kiwanis. Tamra also explained the Kiwanis Club members are donating to their namesake park for lights (possibly up to \$7,000) and the Good Shepherd Foundation donated for park equipment at that location. Also, Tamra noted that the highest priority of the survey provided by the Umatilla students was to have lights and a basketball court at Kiwanis Park.
- C. Kiwanis Falls – Status report by Tamra**
Tamra stated she had a meeting with a local landscaper, Jason Barron and a member of the Kiwanis group to review the design and cost estimates provided by JUB Engineering. The meeting confirmed staff idea that the cost estimate was too high. The local landscaper agreed to review the design and provide more reasonable cost estimates. It is expected city will have that in a few weeks. City goal is to install water lines in October and then the landscaping could occur over the Fall and Winter. This is contingent upon funding.

D. Review Draft Trail Plan Maps – Matt with group

Matt presented current trail routes and proposed trail routes. He reported that he is using water and sewer lines for an idea on routes. Open for suggestions:

- Ideas given to Matt to connect Downtown to McNary by paralleling Highway 730.
- Committee members suggested a park and ride location of North East side of intersection of Highway 730 and Highway 395/Devore St.
- Kelly Nobles suggested connecting Nature Trails to Hat Rock with permission from the Port.
- Mark Ribich suggested possible trail thru McNary Manor and also attention to parks in that location.

Tamra showed the list of trail connections that are listed in the Comprehensive Plan. She noted that those locations are still relevant and are in need of development. She suggested the group give Matt ideas for additional connecting trails and then Matt could develop a priority list. The committee can review at the next meeting.

E. Master Parks Plan – Status report by Tamra

Tamra stated she needs to compartmentalize and separate city-owned parks and federal (Army Corps of Engineers/ACOE) land. That will require two whole days to complete the update.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Other items of interest

Mr. Nobles reported on his control burn on the west side of the Umatilla River that occurred on Saturday May 5th with assistance of the Umatilla Fire Department. The burn went well. They found three bones all which belong to animals. Mr. Nobles also wanted to give an update regarding Russian Olive along the East side of Umatilla River from Bensel Road. He is requesting a grant on behalf of *The Friends of the Umatilla River*. The grant request is for \$21,000 to clear Russian Olive blocking the river view. He requested a letter of support from the Community Development Director. Mr. Nobles also requested that Tamra follow up with Rhett regarding the Brownell Dam. According to Mr. Nobles, Bill Duke, ODFW, is going to take down the dam and per his conversation with Rhett (kayaking advocate) he would like the river to remain kayak friendly. Rhett is requesting that a portion of the Dam remain intact.

Mr. Ribich and Mr. Nobles would like the City to make Old Town Site a priority.

B. Public Comment

Staff thanked both Mark Ribich and Kelly Nobles for their efforts in helping the City.

V. DATE, TIME and PLACE for NEXT MEETINGS

June 12, 2018 6:30 pm

VI. ADJOURNMENT – (specify time)

Meeting adjourned 8:30pm