



Minutes

Coburg Parks | Tree Committee
Regular Meeting
City Hall, 91136 N. Willamette
August 21, 2018

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Mary Mosier, Chair; Coleen Marshall, Vice Chair; Lonna Meston, Joe Morneau

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Karen Cury, Rhett Sunia, Claire Smith

STAFF PRESENT: Brian Harmon, Burke Hansen, Public Works

OTHERS: Marl Carter

CALLED TO ORDER: Mary Mosier called the meeting of the Coburg Park & Tree Committee to order at 7:02pm.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Harmon called roll and announced there was a quorum.

AGENDA REVIEW

Ms. Mosier asked for any adjustments to the agenda. Mr. Harmon asked for the committee to re-sign the last minutes.

APPROVE MINUTES FROM JULY

The Committee requested changes to the minutes as follows:

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MOTION: Ms. Marshall moved to approve the July 17, 2018 minutes as corrected, Mr. Morneau seconded. The motion passed, 3:1:1. Ms. Mosier abstained because she had not reviewed the minutes.

CITY UPDATES

The committee reviewed the weekly reports. Ms. Marshall asked about new garbage cans. She also inquired about the tripping incident. Mr. Harmon responded no fault was found, but changes were made to prevent further injuries. Ms. Mosier asked about the path edge. Mr. Harmon responded that they were making some plan changes and build a retaining wall. The slope will go West, gradual change for the bike riders. Also he noted the new no fire & no

smoking signs along the Booth Kelly trail were installed. Additional signs have been built and will be installed soon. Ms. Marshall asked about “no motor vehicle” signs on the path. Mr. Harmon responded they were working on funding, the cost was greater than anticipated. He continued that the committee had asked for historical signs, and he has spoken with Jeff. The response was to perhaps have a work session.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Mr. Harmon shared that the City received the Wetlands Grant, much enthusiasm from the committee. The grant match will be around \$47k. Whatever does not come through Land grants will come from SDC’s.

a. SDC’s Update

Mr. Harmon continued that as of the end of FY19, there will be \$132k.

b. Johnny Diamond Park Ideas

Mr. Harmon shared there was money available, he did not want to get their hopes up, but they could do a lot, especially if a Land Donation came in. Ms. Mosier asked for clarification that the donation would qualify, Mr. Harmon agreed.

Mr. Harmon explained that during the development of the subdivision he shared that there must be ADA Parking available; there would be an expense involved. Now the committee must decide where they would like to see the ADA space. He will share it with Council. Ms. Mosier asked if it only had to be one. Mr. Harmon shared they must only have one because they are not building a parking lot, therefore it is not percentage based. Mr. Harmon shared a map with the committee, and indicated his idea near Spores. They will have to build a parking area for access. Mr. Harmon turned the meeting over to Ms. Meston.

Ms. Meston expressed that it was time to put together a project plan. What kind of service and age group did they want to target with this park? She would like to start with the survey by October, perhaps even a two-part survey, early Fall and early January. She would like to talk about age group first. She added that they have learned play structures are very expensive. If the group focuses on 5-10, 8-12, what do they want in the park? Should they consider it or should they consider other options?

Mr. Harmon added another piece about timing, at the end of Phase Two, they would develop “Welcome to Coburg” signs. They will have to spend SDC funds to propel that project along. He estimated it could be upwards of \$15k, Mr. Morneau added he had done some research and believed it could be closer to \$20k. Ms. Meston asked about estimating what would be available. Mr. Morneau and Mr. Harmon agreed that it was too soon to go there. Mr. Morneau

added that he agreed with her desire and that they could work on the plan now so that when they have funding they have better ideas. He shared he also believed the demographic buying the homes appear to be different than what the prediction was. He believed that the demographic was more diverse, older families, couples, older retired individuals, etc. Ms. Meston agreed that was the intent of the survey, to find out what the *actual* demographic was, not the estimate. Ms. Marshall asked about the SDC schedule and if they could work on the project progressively to continue using SDC funds? Mr. Harmon replied he did not know at what point the project would become a Park and no longer qualify for SDC funds. He did not know how long they could phase it out. Mr. Morneau shared they could make small improvements, but not capital improvements and they must go to Anne for the SDC answers.

Mr. Harmon added they needed to develop a plan so that it could be included in the Master Plan. He did not know how detailed the plan must be. His understanding was the plan was general, not specific and in October they would need to take the plan to the Council. Mr. Morneau added that under the new leadership, things should move much faster. Mr. Harmon suggested they ask Sammy what the next step in the Master Plan would be. Discussion between the group about what order to do things. Mr. Morneau shared emphatically it could be 2 - 3 years, before the City adopted it into the Master Plan, however the Committee should get their plan together so that it would be ready when the City adopts it. Ms. Meston thanked him for the clarity.

Mr. Harmon would like the group to focus on what they would really want to do so they can start estimating costs and work ideas out over a long period of time so that it can be a solid plan when they present it in early June 2019.

Group discussed desire & need for water & electricity. Guest Marl Carter asked if there was an option for reclaimed water. Mr. Harmon responded that it was not an option for several years.

Ms. Meston shared a park concept plan from her discussion with Emily Proudfoot, Chief Landscape Architect for Eugene Parks & Open Space. She shared an image of Creekside Park, the park was never finished, only a portion of it was developed. The rest became high end homes. She encouraged the group to visit it to see the sand and gravel features. Also, there were Park Watch signs she would like to see added to all of Coburg Parks. Mr. Harmon responded he was recently tasked with the responsibilities of finding out the ordinances and processes. Mr. Morneau shared his concern with aesthetically offensive signs, and he would like to keep that in mind as they add in more signs. Ms. Meston distributed a plan of Filbert Meadows Park. Most of the park was playing field, She shared how nicely done the park was, and again sand and water play feature, play equipment and orchard hill. The basketball court was surrounded

by a hill so the balls would always roll back, the kids seem to love the hill for play. Another item she noted was the elevated beds by parking which created a type of screen between the play areas and the road & neighborhood. The interesting part about both sand & water play areas of both parks was the water device the children pump themselves. Mr. Carter added his support of the water play area. Ms. Meston shared an itemized list of creative play expenses.

Ms. Mosier stated she was concerned about cats and the potential health risks. Ms. Meston encouraged the group to visit the parks. Ms. Meston added she would like the group to evaluate how they could have a good variety for children and adults. Also, she would like to see a berm, integrated benches, etc. Ms. Meston asked the group if they wanted to do some brainstorming about play space. Ms. Marshall responded that there may not be a lot of space to work with, if the berm and the sand are already included. Mr. Harmon asked if the group would like a table. Ms. Marshall responded she would, also she would like to see a picnic shelter. It could also be placed near the ADA Parking area. Ms. Marshall asked if the Ford Foundation was still doing work with Coburg. Mr. Morneau responded yes, they were working on a large project currently, but maybe down the road.

Ms. Mosier suggested Boy Scouts project perhaps. Mr. Harmon asked if they were ahead of the process a little. Ms. Mosier responded they were just brainstorming for now. Group agreed they like the idea of benches and simple bark paths. Mr. Carter added, was there way to select the 'Number One" play item was and simply go with that. Mr. Harmon asked if anyone had been to the park in Halsey? No one had. He shared the design of the park, for a small town and works committee they have a very nice, well maintained park. He continue that they really wanted a splash pad. Mr. Morneau responded that it was a huge liability. Ms. Mosier shared about a park she saw that was Farm themed, a barn, water feature was a giant, but low sprinkler head to play under. Mr. Harmon asked Ms. Mosier to e-mail the photos to him. There was also an old baseball field nearby, they took a section and made it into a concession stand. Ms. Meston shared that her boys loved the water tower and bucket fill concept. Perhaps they could have two or three features.

Group discussed the drainage, pumps, etc. Mr. Harmon shared they can set push button timers. Mr. Harmon encouraged the group that the brainstorming was productive and when they have the survey results, any ideas that overlap should be the priority.

Mr. Carter suggested the water go to a catch that could be used to irrigate. Ms. Meston added the Filbert park has a wide variety of simple play things, like spinners. Mr. Harmon encouraged the group to continue to brainstorm and visit parks. Ms. Meston added that she would like the group to share any favorites

they find. Ms. Mosier shared perhaps there could be some historical themes, like Johnny Diamond. Mr. Hansen suggested a waterfall feature named “Diamond Falls”. Ms. Meston added she saw some unique painted tiles that could be used, perhaps created by the Charter School.

Mr. Harmon asked who in the group would have the most time to work with him, perhaps Claire, but she was absent. He would like someone to work with him over the next few months to spearhead a plan. Mr. Harmon emphasized he would like a committee member to work with staff so that it was committee driven, not staff driven. Mr. Morneau added they need to make a plan, but not too specific that they could not adjust it in the future.

Ms. Meston added that once they have a plan, they could start incorporating light features, security and other designs. Mr. Hansen suggested the group approach manufactures for donation due to the location, the park would be high traffic from the I-5. Ms. Mosier added there could be a high traffic from RV travelers, perhaps they could add in a slider bench for older adults. Also, there could be some changes made to the view of RVs & trash. Mr. Carter suggested the group take photos of benches & tables to neighboring businesses and ask them for a donation including a plaque.

Mr. Harmon asked Ms. Meston if she would have a survey ready in September, she responded, no because she will not be present. Ms. Marshall offered to help Ms. Meston develop a survey when she returns. Group agreed they would aim to present a survey draft in October. Ms. Mosier asked who the survey was going to, the group agreed they would have to figure that out. Mr. Harmon suggested they start with Phase One folks, then Phase Two residents, and so on. Mr. Harmon emphasized they should include Sammy in the process, what must they do to collect a survey.

Ms. Meston noted she would like to include an ADA table. Mr. Morneau shared what he has seen at other parks. Also, noted that a workout area could be an idea. Mr. Harmon asked Ms. Meston if she would reach out to Emily from Eugene to have her come to November meeting. She will. Everyone shared their various personal schedule conflicts with the September 18th meeting. Ms. Mosier asked if the group was in agreement to skip September meeting due to schedules, the group agreed they would re-group in October. Group continued discussion about future ideas and meeting topics, long term plans are growing fast. Mr. Morneau shared they were in a very good place with SDC’s and kudos to the group for managing it.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

September 11th - City Council


September 18th - Next Park & Tree Committee, Cancelled, see above.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Marshall moved to adjourn the meeting of the Park & Tree Committee, Ms. Meston seconded. The motion passed to adjourn the meeting at 8:25pm.

APPROVED By the Park|Tree Committee on this 16th day of October, 2018.




Chair, Mary Mosier

ATTEST:


Sammy L. Egbert, City Recorder