



Parks & Open Space Advisory Board

November 6th, 2013

Members of the Parks & Open Space Advisory Board met this day in regular session at City Hall, Brownsville, Oregon at 7:07 p.m.

Present: Marilyn Grimes, Pat MacDermott, Patty Linn, & Elizabeth Coleman.

Absent: Rick Dominguez, Brandie Simon, JoAnn Neddeau.

Public: None.

Presiding: Marilyn Grimes.

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m. As a quorum was not met; the October 2nd, 2013 minutes will be approved at a later date.

Remington Park

Staff is currently researching the process to surplus land.

Dinosaur

City Administrator Scott McDowell and Public Works Superintendent Karl Frink inspected the wooden dinosaur donated to the City for Pioneer Park by Shawn Garrett and, unfortunately, found the weather damage was too severe for outdoor use.

Arbor Day

Mrs. Grimes reported the tree planting for Arbor Day on Saturday October 19th, went well. Mayor Don Ware gave a speech, Ms. Linn read a poem; as did Cynthia Orlando of the Forestry Service who also presented the Board with a Tree City USA Award; afterward, she joined several of the tree planting attendees at the Senior Center/American Legion for coffee and brownies, courtesy of Mrs. Grimes.

Progress Reports (Gates and Electricity)

Mrs. Coleman reported a quote within the approved budget for the park gates has been obtained and the project is underway.

Public Works Superintendent Karl Frink and Mrs. Coleman are working with Norm's Electric on this project.

OPRD Grant Planning

The Board discussed the need to plan for future grants and the possibility of attending workshops available through www.oregon.gov to gain a better understanding of the grant application process and eligibility.

Park Board Re-Appointments

Ms. Linn was re-appointed to the Park Board by City Council at the October 29th, 2013 meeting; her three year term is from January 1, 2014 – December 31st, 2016.



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General Updates

Karl Frink is working with Arborist Vern Esplin to remove the decayed tree in Pioneer Park.

Staff is working with Angela Pellerin of the Eugene Kennel Club to secure an MOU for another year.

Eric Gerber is researching space for high school soccer practices/games and is interested in utilizing the Pioneer Park for this purpose. As there are a number of items to consider; Rec Center games, park closure, and other agreements to use Pioneer Park during the soccer season, Mr. McDowell will discuss options and expectations with Mr. Gerber.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

ATTEST:

Elizabeth E. Coleman
Administrative Assistant

Marilyn Grimes
Chair