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Parks & Trails Advisory Board Meeting
Wednesday, July 18, 2018 City Hall- Council Chambers,
39250 Pioneer Blvd., Sandy, Oregon 97055 6:59 PM

COUNCIL PRESENT: Bethany Shultz, Board Member, Kathleen Walker, Board Member, Michael Weinberg, Board Member, and Susan Drew, Board Member

COUNCIL ABSENT: Valerie Wicklund , Board Member and Jeremy Pietzold, Council President

STAFF PRESENT: James Cramer, Associate Planner

MEDIA PRESENT:

1 Roll Call

2 Changes to the Agenda

- a) Discus the new Parks of Sandy Map

Kathleen Walker asked how many copies were ordered and James Cramer, staff, said he would get that information from the Economic Manager who ordered them. James summarized the changes made from the last version. James explained Sarah Richardson was the lead on this project. James explained where they can be found. Kathleen explained that the previous map was sent to all household in the mail and suggested the new one be sent out as well. Discussion of the new Sandy Logo commenced.

3 Public Comment

No public comment provided

4 New Business

(Kathleen Walker) status of the Parks and Trails Master Plan. Perhaps it would be helpful to review the planned trail connections and if time, the planned parks that were identified over the last year.

- a) (Kathleen Walker) status of a public volunteer effort to clean up the huge homeless camp in Sandy River Park planned for August 4th as well as long term plans for patrolling the park to ensure homeless camps are not re-established.

Kathleen Walker discussed an upcoming clean up initiative advertised by a community member on a Facebook page for Sandy River Park. A

brief history of the camp site in the park was described. Kathleen explained she forwarded the event to Kim Yamashita, City Manager, and reached out to the organizer to include the City. It was suggested that the City pitch in to be present for the event and that the City may be able to assist in some capacity such as: gear, a dumpster, etc. Additionally the topic of repetitive patrolling of the park and cameras was discussed to help prevent a future camp from forming within the park. Susan Drew questioned what facilities Sandy provides to assist the homeless and mentally ill. It was explained that Gresham and Portland have resources. Sandy PD has the ability to direct individuals to the resources. Kathleen suggested there be a point person at the City for these types of future events as they occur more and more.

- b) (Kathleen Walker) status of the Parks and Trails Master Plan. Perhaps it would be helpful to review the planned trail connections and if time, the planned parks that were identified over the last year.

James explained audits were completed to better understand the Parks budget and SDC eligibility to determine how and where we can invest in our City parks. Discussion regarding what SDC money can be used for began and James explained the "three prong approach" which includes: a Parks Master Plan, CIP List and Methodology. Discussion regarding priority of parks came up. The Board's understanding is that when an individual park plan was created that should supersede the 1997 Parks Master Plan (PMP) therefore are considered within the City's CIP list and are SDC eligible. James explained that the the current Methodology is written uniquely to exclude Meinig Park but unsure if it allows for approved individual park plans can supersede the 1997 PMP CIP list. Staff will look further into this to determine if that is the case. James explained the importance in making sure the PMP, CIP list and Methodology all work together to make a clear vision for parks moving forward. James announced the grant received for Meinig Park was returned due to the methodology specifically excludes SDC being used for improvements to Meinig Park.

- c) (James Cramer, City Staff) Longest Day Parkway survey results.

James went through the results of the Longest Day Parkway survey results and provided a quick comparison to the 2015 survey results. The Board suggested dividing out the adult's results to show the differing outcomes between the boards provided. Board discussed some varying options for park's designs, amenities and the intentions of the survey.

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5 STAFF UPDATES

- a) Fantasy Forest Mural

James discussed the Fantasy Forest Playground mural installation and ribbon cutting that occurred on Friday, June 29, 2018. James also explained that PW had an audit on the Fantasy Forest Playground equipment completed July 5, 2018 but the results were not in yet.

b) PetSafe Dog Park Grant

James announced he applied for a grant to improve the Bluff Dog Park facilities. The grant was for \$5,000 for upgrade and maintain the park.

6 Board Comments

a)

Bethany Schultz asked about the progress on the Barlow Trail Monument Sign repair. James explained he has forwarded to Joe Preston, Park's Superintendent, to correct and will follow up with that. Bethany explained that a neighbor caught another kid vandalizing the monument. The discussion of heritage site grants to potentially improve the site.

b) Bald Faced Hornets on Tickle Creek Trail

Down by the water of Tickle Creek there have been Bald Faced Hornets sited that creates concern for stinging due to the proximity to a children's playground and trail visitors.

c) Eagle Fern Park

Mike Weinberg spoke about Clackamas County Soil and Water Conservation District purchasing adjacent land to expand and conserve some of the forest land present there. PGE is willing to not log their property and provide an easement to preserve that area. This results in several hundred acres dedicated to trails.

7 Consent Agenda

a) Park Board Minutes April 18, 2018

8 Next Scheduled Meeting

a) August 15, 2018 7PM

9 Adjourn