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Parks & Trails Advisory Board Meeting
Wednesday, September 11, 2019 City Hall-
Council Chambers, 39250 Pioneer Blvd.,
Sandy, Oregon 97055 7:00 PM

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Kathleen Walker, Board Member, Don Robertson, Board Member, and Michael Weinberg, Board Member

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Susan Drew, Board Member

STAFF PRESENT: Laurie Smallwood, Councilor and Sarah Richardson, Community Services

MEDIA PRESENT:

1. Roll Call

2. Public Comment

New Board applicant introduced himself to the board.

Debbie and Randy attended to talk about Pickle Ball. Huge growing sport. 650% increase in support for the sport. Tupper Park could fit 3 courts and would be a great spot. Little bit of work would be needed. Many courts they used as they traveled the country would be multipurpose so no need to retrofit, just add lines. There are a variety of ways to support it with fees and storage of equipment.

Kathleen Walker mentioned that Pickleball did come up in the recent surveys.

Randy mentioned that the High School would be an excellent location. Kathleen Walker mentioned the possibility of a partnership. Laurie Small also mentioned the Middle School as a possibility.

3. Consent Agenda

Moved -

Seconded -

3.1.

4. Changes to the Agenda

5. New Business

5.1. Pickleball at Tupper Park

See above

6. Old Business

6.1. Follow Up - Board Roles and Responsibilities and Bylaws

6.2. Follow-up IPM Discussion

Kathleen Walker provided a reminder about the origin of the IPM discussion. Concern expressed about spraying near the community garden. Last meeting looked at some IPM policies from other areas.

Review of Joe Preston's, Park Superintendent response to questions about the cities current use.

Michael Weinberg - not sure if he agrees with statement about safety.

Laurie Smallwood mentioned European Union has banned both of those products (Glyphosate (Roundup) and Crossbow starting in 2022.

Michael Weinberg - likes that we are only spot spraying

Kathleen Walker noted no herbicides applied in city playgrounds

Kathleen Walker - #9 should we have a min. boundary/distance

Don Robertson believes that in Ashland parks the distance requirement is at least 50 feet away

Don Robertson - #10 Joe may have meant to say "insecticides" instead of pesticides.

Kathleen Walker noted that the parks maintenance department uses weed eating tools in a lot of areas.

Kathleen Walker - a distance boundary for #12 would be useful

Don Robertson - #13 - what does "min use" mean?

Michael Weinberg - is wind policy applied to both Crossbow and Glyphosate?

Kathleen Walker asked - do we log the use of quantities and time, location, etc?

Kathleen Walker - in the past on Tickle Creek the city did a noxious weed mitigation to reduce the blackberries, holly, etc. Worked with Clackamas Watershed Council and a contractor who used to work for the Nature Conservancy. Kathleen Walker noted contractors have a efficient way to cut and spray once or twice and then done theoretically for good.

Kathleen Walker requested we ask Joe about how strategic our weed control is. Are we successful eradicating. Might be more effective to contract this out. Kathleen Walker the Master Plan process will help us plan for future.

Laurie Smallwood - how does the group feel at this point?

Don Robertson this information provides a good start.

Michael Weinberg would be in favor of fine tuning this plan/document.

Kathleen Walker posed the question - are there ways to look at contractors to help with eradication when necessary?

Michael Weinberg expressed the important of avoiding what happened at the Community Garden.

Don Robertson this relates to the wind issue and the distance issues and the definition of limited contact to the public - need to be more specific about those policies.

Kathleen Walker would bet those contractors have all those specifics outlined.

Kathleen Walker - recommends we get a copy of the weed abatement contract Metro uses with specifics about distance etc.

Michael Weinberg - likes the simpler document provided by Joe with some fine tuning and then follow it.

Don Robertson noted the simple policy outline wasn't enough in Ashland.

Michael Weinberg - the issue is when it is not followed people may want tighter policy.

Kathleen Walker requested - once there is a policy adopted that it be on the website and available to the public.

Michael Weinberg asked if council wants the board to provide recommendations.

Laurie Smallwood, council liaison, said yes to that question.

Don Robertson asked that we thank Joe for providing the information.

Kathleen Walker added - does not think this can be used along the creeks.

There is a water approved product.

Kathleen Walker offered to get copy from Metro.

6.3. Master Plan Update

Kathleen Walker shared with public in attendance about the Master Plan. Firm has been hired and the process is underway.

7. STAFF UPDATES

7.1. Dogs Day Out - Dog Park Fundraiser

Sarah Richardson, staff liaison shared information about Dogs Day Out scheduled for September 14th, 2019. Invited board members to the event which has raised about \$20,000 for dog park improvements.

7.2. Update Shade/Cover structures at Bornstedt and Bluff Parks

RFP is out to bid and will be closed soon. Will update once the bid period has closed.

8. Adjourn