

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES

ESTACADA CITY HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBERS
475 SE MAIN STREET, ESTACADA, OREGON
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2016 - 7:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER BY PRESIDING OFFICER

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm.

Present: Chair Shirley Burke, Cm. Jordan Winthrop, Cm. David Long, Cm. Tina Meyer, Taryn Brown.

Absent: Cm. Jae Chun, Cr. Paulina Menchaca.

CONSENT AGENDA

- Approve August 24, 2016 Minutes

Cm. Long moved to approve the consent agenda. Cm. Winthrop seconded motion. The motion passed with 4 yes and 0 no.

CITIZEN'S CONCERNS & COMMENTS:

Estacada resident, Liz Ludwig, shared her thoughts on doing a fundraiser event at Wade Creek Park. She understands that graffiti is an issue at the park, and rather than people being frustrated, the community should try to embrace the graffiti and promote it in a positive way. Ms. Ludwig shared her idea of selling portions of the skate park out to graffiti artists for them to paint their artwork, and the money raised would go back into the park.

Chair Burke shared her concerns about this idea, such as the artwork being painted over by inappropriate drawings like the previous graffiti done in the park, and the paint causing the area to be too slick.

Cm. Winthrop thanked Ms. Ludwig for her idea and told her the commission will discuss and keep it in consideration.

CITY COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT: Cr. Menchaca absent. No report.

COMMISSION BUSINESS:

Helmet Donations: Chair Burke shared that so far they have received \$68 in donations for helmet fittings. Chair Burke also shared that OHSU or Legacy will

come and do the fittings, and that they can train a fire fighter so that in the future the fire department can help with fittings.

Turning Sand Area into Splash Pad: Chair Burke asked the commission if they liked the idea of changing the sand area into a splash pad since the pump parts in the sand area are hard to get, and keeping the sand area and bathrooms clean have been a problem. Cm. Winthrop asked if turned into a splash pad, when will the water be running, and how would the water be disposed of. Chair Burke suggested a button to turn water on and off, and the water would be re-circulated. Cm. Long would like more information about how the water would be re-circulated. Cm. Winthrop would like a cost estimate and breakdown of maintenance. Cm. Winthrop made motion to get the costs of the splash pad. Cm. Long seconded the motion. The motion passed with 4 yes and 0 no.

Graffiti: The Commission discussed graffiti during Citizen Concern's and Comments.

Campanella Estates Park: The commission suggested ideas for the new park to present to the Planning Commission. Cm. Winthrop is concerned about maintenance of the park and thinks that if this is a City park then the Parks & Rec commission should have more say in the decision. The commission agreed that the park should not have a horse shoe pit since Wade Creek Park already has one, and the park should also have bigger swings. Cm. Winthrop suggested smaller play equipment for younger children since Wade Creek Park attracts older kids. Cm. Long suggested a larger Splash Pad. Chair Burke was also concerned about the oak trees being removed. The Commission agreed that they would like more time in making the decision about the park and they would like to get public opinion.

CITIZEN'S CONCERNS & COMMENTS:

Estacada resident, Skip Haak, shared his concerns about the Campanella Estates Park. Mr. Haak thought that the park plan was brought to the Commission too late, and he felt that if this is going to be a city park, that the Commission should have more say in the park itself. Mr. Haak also felt that public opinion should be considered. Mr. Haak asked what kind of park this would be, if it had a parking lot it, that would indicate that it would be a regional park, but if the park was intended to be a residential park then restrooms and a parking lot will not be needed. Mr. Haak felt that this plan was rushed and felt the Commission should have more time to gather ideas.

Mr. Haak also shared his concerns about the splash pad. He felt that the splash pad has such a short season of use, and that the sand area would get more use throughout the year. He stated that most splash pads do not have the water filtrate back through. Mr. Haak suggested that the Commission look into whether SDCs can be used to make this change in the Wade Creek Park.

COMMISSION REPORT & COMMENTS:

Chair Burke shared information to make Wade Creek Park a habitat sanctuary for animals.

The Commission discussed the City website, and would like a direct link for Parks & Rec. for information regarding what the Commission is working on.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:54 pm.