

APPROVED MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF UMATILLA
PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 13, 2018
6:30 PM
Umatilla City Hall, Council Chambers

- I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL** – Meeting called to order by Chair Finck.
Committee Members Present: Shane Finck, Kristle Wyant, Natasha Ugarte, and Kassie Williams.
Committee Members Absent: Shelly Parmelee and Tina Ridings.
City staff in attendance: City Planner Brandon Seitz, Community Development Director Tamra Mabbott, RARE Volunteer/GIS Matt Tsui.
Council Members in Attendance: Mark Ribich
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** January 9, 2018 meeting.
- III. OLD BUSINESS:**
- A. Council member liaison for committee – Mark Keith and Mark Ribich.**
No discussion
- B. Tree City – Status report by Staff**
Tamra Mabbott reported city is currently working with and partnering with the Umatilla School District to observe Arbor Day. There are many requirements that need to be met and Esmeralda is working diligently to achieve the necessary requirements.
- Kristle Wyant, inquired about Tree City USA and also if city could have the planters on main street addressed.
- Tamra Mabbott stated that this is all part of the downtown revitalization. The City probably does not want to invest in the planters this year if they will be phased out. However she will inquire if possibly students or Kiwanis or Garden Club will continue to maintain them.
- Councilman Ribich, stated he would like updated planters rather than use the current planters. He understands this is part of the updated downtown look to revitalize.
- Matt Tsui, stated he would like the boxes removed as they are mainly used for garbage and are falling apart.
- C. Status of Russian Olive and invasive species plant removal along Umatilla River – Staff update**
Jason Barron was not present but committee wanted to thank and compliment the public works department for their hard work. The clearing along the river looks great!

D. Trail Plan Update -Report by Staff

Matt Tsui, has been doing research on how others are dealing with Russian Olives and their solutions. He has concluded that there is not one way to do it and they all have varying results. Matt talked about his memo on the Lewis & Clark Trail.

Tamra mentioned the Lewis and Clark Trail was part of a larger effort to commemorate the bicentennial of Lewis and Clark “Corps of Discovery” in 2001. With Matt’s memo there is enough research on who owns it and where it was intended to be constructed. Next step is to inventory where the signs are located for the existing trails and identify gaps.

Matt stated he will eventually have a map with all the inventory of trails and signage.

Councilman Ribich would like to know a time frame for when that map could be completed.

Tamra stated that Matt is here until July and he will focus on the Master Plan.

Tamra reported that she has spoken with Bob Walder, Umatilla County Planning Director and the County is still working on the regional trail plan but not much has happened in the past several months.

E. Draft Master Parks Plan

Tamra reported that she spoke with students at the high school to get their feedback on the draft list of projects in the Master Parks Plan. Students would like to see a second basketball court and or lights. Students indicated this is more important than playground equipment. High school students will draft a survey on the names of the parks and what type of improvements are higher priority.

Council approved the signage rules they will be ordered and put up this year.

F. Status of Trail Plan – Report by Staff

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Park Rules and Signage – Jason Barron and Tamra Mabbott

Kristle stated she thought the wording was too negative and she used to be a teacher and the way to encourage positive behavior is to state the positive.

Councilmember Ribich wanted to make sure that the amplified sound did reference ordinance that regulated noise.

Kassie stated that people are not really looking at the signs and saying there are 15 NO’s on the sign.

Tamra reported that city is also setting up a reservation system for parks.

Councilman Ribich wanted to know if city has reservation system for the soccer field. Staff was not sure but would find out.

Tamra reported she would revise the rules and email out to group.

B. Review Names of Park

There was a consensus to wait for results from the high school student survey before deciding on names.

Kristle recommended utilizing Mary Ellen Tracy and her family for history regarding Umatilla. She also indicated she would be up to the task to do more research.

C. Army Corps of Engineers Open House

Matt stated the Army Corp of Engineers were really interested in what the city is doing with the Russian Olive. Including the harm, it is causing for allergies, crime, and not being able to see the river.

V. DATE, TIME, AND PLACE FOR NEXT MEETING.

March 13, 2018 @ 6:30pm.

VI. Adjournment –

Time unknown.