MEETING MINUTES

CITY OF UMATILLA

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE

April 10, 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, Kassie Williams,

Late Arrival: Tina Ridings.

Committee Members Absent: Natasha Ugarte, Shelly Parmelee, Kristle Wyant City staff in attendance: Community Development Director Tamra Mabbott, Public

Works Director Jason Barron, RARE Volunteer/GIS Matt Tsui, Community

Development Coordinator, Esmeralda Horn Council Members in Attendance: Mark Ribich

Guest in attendance: Kelly Nobles

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: March 13, 2018

Deferred to May meeting.

III. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Tree City – Status report by Staff

Esmeralda reported green light to continue to pursue Tree City USA membership status for the City of Umatilla. In a short notice planning has become a challenge nevertheless the City will continue to partner with the elementary school, McNary Heights, to observe Earth Day in collaboration with Arbor Day. The elementary school holds their event on April 19th, there Esmeralda will give a tree presentation to the student. This is part of the events that will be observed in the week. Proclamation signed by mayor.

B. Update on Trail clearing and Russian Olive removal along Umatilla River –

1. Jason Barron, Public Works Director – clean up along city property

Jason Barron reported brush clearing is at a standstill, busy spring season is upon us. Also, wood chipper was down for repairs. RO is still a main goal along the Umatilla River however, Public Works Department is shorthanded and part time help has been advertised.

2. Kelly Nobles work on private property

Kelly Nobles reported that private easement on Corp land with assistance of the fire department they will be able to burn that brush. Phoenix excavation assisted with the removal of fallen trees along the Umatilla River. He requests financial assistance from county in the assistance of removal of RO.

C. Review Draft Trail Plan- Matt Tsoui City Trail Map and Plan Outline –

Matt outlined a City map indicating all trails with in city limits. The goal was to find the disconnects on the trail plan. Feedback is encouraged from the committee to let Matt know where they would like to see connection in the trail plan. Keep in mind it is a draft and he is making headway.

D. Installation of Park Signage, Benches and Garbage Cans – Jason

Jason Barron reported some signs have been installed, planters have been cleaned up. As far as benches and garbage cans location for items is still TBD.

E. Master Parks Plan -Review draft in May

Tamra continuously working on Master Parks Plan and will hope to have draft ready in May.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Federal Lands in city limits – report and discussion

Mark Ribich would like to petition to Corp of Engineers to give land back to property owners. Long term goal to capitalize and develop frontage of river. Still early in stages however wanted to mention goals.

B. Other items of interest

Kiwanis park will be getting a new park equipment soon from the Good Shepherd Health Foundation. When equipment is up plaque will be ordered.

C. Public Comment

Tamra thanked local residents Bonnie and Christi Pankratz for attending meeting and encourages to continue coming and provide input and ideas.

V. DATE, TIME and PLACE for NEXT MEETINGS

May 8, 2018 6:30 pm

VI. ADJOURNMENT – (specify time)

Meeting adjourned 7:44pm