

**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2020**  
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1) **ROLL CALL:**

- A) Commissioners-Brad Bafaro, Tammi McLaughlin, Howard Sullivan, Susan Taylor, MacKenzie Johnston Carey, Paul Waterstreet, Ralph Brown, Glen VanBlarcom, Kenneth Cobleigh
- B) Council Liaison-Malynda Wenzl
- C) Staff-Tom Gamble and Matt Baum

2) **CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS:** None

3) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes approved from September, 2020

4) **OLD BUSINESS:**

A) **Rogers Park Renovation (Anna & Abby's Play Yard)**

- (1) Project is a few weeks behind schedule
- (2) November 14th & 15th is a planned dedication date
- (3) Saturday, 11-14-20 construction fencing will remain up and in place
- (4) Saturday, 11-14-20 will be a preview for Susan, Tom to invite their family and friends
- (5) Sunday, 11-15-20 Rec. Commission, City Council, Harper's, Matt Baum, Tom Gamble and other team members.  
Note: Next spring or summer "Love Rocks" will do a celebration week involving the park
- (6) Paul W. had questions as to whether or not security was needed 11-14-20 & 11-15-20?
- (7) There was a suggestion of possible "Private Event" signage
- (8) Total project cost described as \$1.4 million (Harper's \$410,000, Love Rocks \$200,000 and the City with the remaining balance. This project is the largest private donations ever received by the City.

**Parks Updates (Matt Baum):**

- (1) Staff currently in one per vehicle and wearing masks. Unfortunately this means more solo projects and less group projects.
- (2) Users at the skate park do not tend to follow COVID guidelines (social distancing).
- (3) Mid November the dog park will have a seasonal closure for grass regrowth and other maintenance projects.

**Aquatics Updates (Tom Gamble):**

- (1) Still operating on a very reduced schedule with reservations required. Revenue is coming in slowly but still very far behind. No additional programming will be added at this time.
- (2) Staff arrive to work and leave promptly.

Notes: Paul W. & Malynda commented that they have heard positive statements about the pool reopening. Susan feels it is well organized but wanted to know if there was possibly an online registration system that could be used.

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**Mural Updates (Malynda):**

- (1) It has been approved by Council but still waiting on final image which will feature open hands in the middle of the mural
  - (2) Wall was prepped and approval for early painting to begin on areas not being amended.
  - (3) 5 yr. mural project rotation with policies in place for future projects.
- Note: Tammi asked what happened to the sub-committee that was supposed to form involving this project but Malynda said that it will be in place for future projects. Arts Commission and Parks & Rec Commission will both be involved when it involves park property.

**5) NEW BUSINESS:**

**A) Stites Park**

- (1) Architects proposals in (12 1/2 acres), restroom, shelter, small playground.
- (2) Future trail development.
- (3) December 1st—contract signed.

**B) Metro Bond**

- (1) Forest Grove will receive 1.4 million share element
- ((2) Land acquisition vs. development

**5) STAFF REPORTS:**

- (1) Matt: Goats did a great job and newest park staff member is working out well.
- (2) Paul: Parks Crews are doing a great job. Thatcher Park has many users (teens) hanging out after sunset.
- (3) Tom: New Administrative Asst. will hopefully be in place in about a month. Cindy would like to be recognized 11-9-20 for her years of service.
- (4) Tom announced his retirement after 32 years of service with the City. His last day will be 1-29-21. The recruitment for his replacement will begin immediately.

**6) ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT:** Wednesday, November 18, 2020. 3:30 p.m.