

**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2017
COMMUNITY AUDITORIUM CONFERENCE ROOM
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1) **ROLL CALL:**

- a) Commissioners –Brad Bafaro, Ralph Brown, Mackenzie Johnston Carey, Howard Sullivan, Jeremiah Toews and Paul Waterstreet. Absent: Kenneth Cobleigh, Susan Taylor and Glenn VanBlarcom.
- b) Council Liaison – Malynda Wenzl
- c) Staff – Tom Gamble

2) **CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS:** None

3) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The minutes of the September 20, 2017 meeting were approved.

4) **ADDITION/DELETIONS:** None

5) **PRESENTATION:** Bike Initiative, Program Manager/Coordinator Brandi

- a) Meetings have been held for the last nine months to look into the feasibility of having a bike loaning system in Forest Grove, led by the Economic Development and Sustainability Commissions. The group also included Rob Foster, Tom Gamble, Mitch Taylor, Lois Hornberger and Howard Sullivan.
- b) A Sustainability Grant will fund a pilot program consisting of 25 bicycles.
- c) Another Grant will enable three bike repair stations to be installed.
- d) To become a bicycle friendly City they will have to obtain five distinctions from a list of twenty. This helps to promote bike tourism in the City.
- e) Grant dollars will be needed to keep the bikes updated.
- f) In May the City will recognize bike friendly businesses.

6) **OLD BUSINESS:**

a) **Rogers Park Concept Plan**

- i) The project is in the design development details, such as sewer, lights and power.
- ii) The design is based on natural features.
 - (1) Wood from the 170 foot tall sequoia tree across the street will be used. Metro will also use some of the wood in the Chehalem Ridge recreation area.
- iii) Ground breaking will take place in June.

b) **Aquatic Center 50th Anniversary**

- i) The celebration will take place on Saturday, June 16 with various events taking place.
 - (1) People can drop in and look around, there will be a short swim meet, food carts in the parking lot, speeches by the Mayor and City Manager, light refreshments and maps for self-guided tours around Pacific and town.
 - (2) Pictures and stories are being sought.
 - (3) There are eight people on the committee and the next meeting will be in January.
 - (4) Cali Rowland will be organizing the swim meet as part of her senior project.

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7) **NEW BUSINESS:**

a) **City of Banks Pool Fees**

- i) Six months ago Tom was contacted by the City of Banks and asked about charging in-city fees for Banks residents. That is not something the City offers, so Banks is now offering a reimbursement program. Residents can bring in their receipts from the pool and are given back the difference between in-city and out-of-city rates.

b) **Volunteer of the Year Awards 2017**

- i) There are two categories for recreation volunteers - programs and people.
- ii) Nominations are due by January 15.

c) **Aquatics Revenue & Attendance Reports**

- i) Revenue is up at the Aquatics Center.

8) **COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS:**

a) **Paul:**

- i) The high school swim team is doing a mud run at the north end of Lincoln Park this morning at 8:30 a.m. if you would like to come and watch.

9) **COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT:**

a) **Malynda:**

- i) Matt Vandehey resigned from the City Council with 3 years left on his term. The Council appointed Adolph "Val" Valfre to the position. He recently retired from the Washington County Housing Authority.
- ii) The Boards and Commissions dinner will be January 18 at 5:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.

10) **STAFF REPORTS:**

a) **Tom:**

- i) The Parks Department has a new hire which will bring them up to a full crew for the first time in over a year.
- ii) The pool is busy with extra public swims during the winter break and swim meets. The winter schedule will start up January 2. A new security camera was installed on the pool deck, so now we have three different views.

11) **ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting will be Wednesday, January 17 at 7:00 a.m.

12) **ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 a.m.