



MINUTES
CITY OF SEASIDE
PARKS & RECREATION
COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING
Oldemeyer Center
986 Hilby Avenue
Monday, June 17, 2019
5:30 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at: 5:30 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL – ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM:

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION:

Bobby Maxwell	Chair	<u> X </u>
Rich Cadigan	Vice Chair	<u> X </u>
James White	Commissioner	<u> X </u>
Alicia Louise Gaines-Lynch	Commissioner	<u> </u> (Excused Absence)
Bob Constant	Commissioner	<u> X </u>
Willie Gray	Commissioner	<u> </u> (Excused Absence)
Dianne Nielson	Commissioner	<u> X </u>

STAFF:

Dan Meewis X Terry Navarro X Rick Riedl X

3. VISITORS & GUESTS:

- * Lesley Milton-Rerig – City Clerk
- * Brian Dempsey – Fire Department
- * Sheri Damon – Assistant City Attorney
- * Jane Klopp – FOSPA
- * Carol Mikkelsen – FOSPA
- * Kora Samborano

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- * Staff passed out an email from David Jackson (Seaside Resident). David stated he would like to pledge his support for a wheelchair-accessible swing in one of the cities parks (perhaps next to the existing swings at Laguna Grande Park). David feels that the addition of one or more of these special swings would help brighten the lives of local wheelchair-bound children and adults. He also stated that if money was a concern, he would be happy to try and raise the necessary cash himself through a crowd-funding effort.

5. APPROVAL OF May 20, 2019 MINUTES:

- * With four typo corrections. Bobby Maxwell /James White M/S/P

6. REVIEW OF AGENDA:

If there are any items that arose after the 72-hour posting deadline, this is the point in the meeting where a vote may be taken to add the item to the agenda. (A 2/3-majority vote is required) **Added to the Agenda:** Bob Constant/Bobby Maxwell M/S/P

**** Manzanita Stuart Park Update:**

* Staff reported that they are still progressing on the Manzanita Stuart Park with the public comments they received. They are thinking of putting picnic benches around the statue or moving the statue and wanted the Parks & Recreation Commissioners input. Staff will research to see what information they can get on the statue.

7. BUSINESS ITEMS:

a. Discuss Mayor's Request to Expand the Commission Membership:

* Leslie Milton-Rerig and the Commissioners discussed changing the ordinance regarding how many Commissioners can be on the Parks & Recreation Commission. There was a discussion about how many Commissioners would they need to make a quorum if they added more to the Commission. The Commissioners voted on changing the ordinance from seven to nine Commissioners.
Bobby Maxwell / Bob Constant M/S/P

b. Presentation by Chief Dempsey and Assistant City Attorney Sheri Damon Regarding City of Seaside Camping Ordinance:

- * Chief Dempsey stated that the discussion of the camping ordinance change or amendment first went to the Homeless Committee where they made a recommendation. They also would like to get the Neighborhood Improvement Commission and the Parks and Recreation Commission input before it goes back to City Council.
- * Assistant City Attorney Sheri Damon stated that case law states you can't enforce new camping ordinance any longer because it is not a crime to be homeless. However, the city can regulate time, place and manner.
- * The draft of the amendment and restatement of Chapter 9.20.021 relating to Overnight camping or sleeping on public property was handed out and discussed. It states it is unlawful for any person or groups of people to camp, sleep, place, erect, or maintain any tent, house trailer, camper or other camping or sleeping paraphernalia of any kind in or on:
 - (A) Any street, right of way or access at any time; or
 - (B) Any parking lot, public area or open space, improved or unimproved; provided however, that no person shall be in violation of this section (B) unless (i) The

person is informed of the whereabouts of homeless shelters within a reasonable proximity; (ii) Such shelter is actually available to such person; and (iii) Such person willingly refuses to stay in such shelter.

(C) On any public property between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

- * The staff thought it was wise to designate a place for the homeless to sleep which is at the tip of Laguna Grande Park (the corner of Fremont and Canyon Del Rey Blvd). See enclosed map. The pros and cons were discussed about this area. This area is in the coastal area which the Coastal Committee would have to approve it too.

- * There was discussion of different areas to designate for the homeless to sleep overnight. It would need to be regulated and cleaned regularly. It was stated that all the communities should work together on a solution. There are concerns about the well-being of the children and others that use the parks and the bathroom issue with the homeless. There was also a discussion of tent cities, hiring security and hiring an outside group for cleaning the designated areas.

- * Public Comments:

- ** Jane Klopp from FOSPA stated that they had a discussion about the camping ordinance and they feel there should be a designated place for the homeless to sleep overnight. FOSPA would be open to discussing an open space as an option for homeless to camp, but this space would need restrooms, water, bi-weekly city staff cleanups and police surveillance.

- ** FOSPA took a look at a few cities that did designated areas and erected camp sites. The city of Modesto had a large designated area which was a public park. The park had become so inundated with trash and criminal behavior that they had to do something else. They took a designated area and created a tent city. So far it is doing well. It is cleaned and monitored. There are rules that need to be followed and the people that go there knows this. The FOSPA group are in favor of a tent city.

- * The Parks and Recreation Commission recommended selecting a designated area or areas for overnight sleeping with the addition of looking at the available space on City Hall lawn and the available space at Stephen E Ross Memorial Park.
Dianne Nielson /Bob Constant M/S/P

c. Receive Update on Capra Park:

- * Staff passed out the preliminary design of Capra Park. The city retained to add

more detail to the design so it can become construction drawings. They are also looking for grant funding to do the construction work for Capra Park.

*** Public Comments:**

****** Kora Sambrano requested that Capra Park be changed to her father's name (Irvin Herod). He joined the Seaside Fire Department as a volunteer in 1945. He then became a full-time fire fighter for the City of Seaside. Seven months before her father retirement he passed away. He was on duty at the time. The property that Capra Park is located at once belonged to the Herod family. Commissioners will research this.

d. Proclamation for July 2019 as Parks & Recreation Month:

***** Staff asked the Park & Recreation Commissioners input on proclaiming July 2019 as Parks & Recreation month. The Commissioners voted on accepting this and have it go to City Council. Bobby Constant/James White M/S/P

8. REPORTS FROM RECREATION STAFF:

***** Staff reported that their summer programs are full and going well. The 4th of July event was moved to the Bayonet Black Horse Golf Course and staff is busy getting ready for this event. Staff and the Commissioners talked about having a table at the 4th of July event.

***** Dan Meewis reported that he was selected to be the new Recreation Director and will officially start on July 20, 2019.

9. REPORTS FROM PARKS STAFF:

***** Staff reported they are making good progress on Cutino Park. They are planning a ribbon cutting at the end August 2019. They are working with Eagle Scouts and the community to help with installing the dog waste stations in the parks. The trash cans have not been placed in Durant Park yet.

10. REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS:

***** Commissioner Cadigan reported that there will be a volunteer cleanup at Manzanita Stuart Park on Saturday, June 22, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. in preparation for pollinator planting.

***** Commissioner Nielson reported that she went to the Environmental Committee Meeting that was on Tuesday, June 11, 2019.

* Commissioner Maxwell reported that National Night Out Event is on Tuesday, August 06, 2019 from 5:00 p.m. – 8:00p.m. It will be at 440 Harcourt Avenue.

11. **ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at: 7:05 p.m.

Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting

July 15, 2019

Time: 5:30 p.m.

Oldemeyer Center