



City of Eagle Point

Community Development Commission

EAGLE POINT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

17 S. BUCHANAN AVE. EAGLE POINT, OREGON

August 6, 2019

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER – 5:00 P.M.

Chair Bilden called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Commission Members Present: Jonathon Bilden, Douglas Detling, Susie Doss, Josh Fagan, Wyn Lewis, Ana Mannenbach and Kathy Sell.

Commission Members Absent: Brandon Crosier and Ivan Ewald

Council Members Present: Council Liaisons Grossman and Lacombe

Staff Members Present: Robert Miller, Public Works Director; Mike Upston, Planning Director; Devon Linebaugh, Meeting Secretary and Nichole Petty, Account Clerk.

Guests: Eagle Point resident, Bill Watson, Eagle Point resident Debby Endicott and George Kramer from Kramer & Co.

2. FLAG SALUTE.

Chair Bilden led the flag salute.

3. AUDIENCE QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS REGARDING ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA.

Bill Watson, Eagle Point resident, made a formal proposal to consider pickleball courts when planning future expansion and development of parks and recreation. (Submission #1). Mr. Watson provided a background on the sport, noting it has been the fastest growing sport in the United States over the last 5 years. It is suitable for all ages; children and seniors. There are currently 19 places to play in the Rogue Valley, 53 courts. Mr. Watson presented a paddle and ball as example of what is needed to play, which costs approx \$10.00. Eagle Point pickleball players are currently playing in Little Butte gym, and he would like to see residents stay in the City and have flexible opportunities to play. Mr. Watson presented a stack of liability waivers that the Little Butte gym required for play

time, to show how many residents currently play at the Little Butte gym, which amounted to hundreds. Mr. Watson is requesting a minimum of two courts. Commissioner Lewis asked if Mr. Watson would be interested in looking into the cost. He stated that Bend recently put up 14 courts with stadium seating & lights for \$300,000. Mr. Watson believes that if an area is available with smooth concrete or asphalt it would be a cost of \$400 to \$500, if there is an area that had asphalt that needed to be re-surfaced it would be a cost of \$3,500 – \$5,000. New construction would be \$10,000-15,000. Rob Miller suggested Mr. Watson return to a future Commission Meeting with additional information and updates on cost estimates. Commissioner Lewis added that she had played pickleball in the past and really enjoyed the sport and feels it would be a great addition to the City's Parks and Recreation. Mr. Miller had a conversation with the School District regarding an agreement to use the surfaced area beside Little Butte, and it is something that could be looked into further. Mr. Watson would be willing to teach school staff so it could be offered to students. Chair Bilden said the Commission is in agreement and wants to have Mr. Watson return in the future. Resident Jack Poetack, invited anyone that wanted further information on the sport to come down to Little Butte gym and observe Monday – Friday 8 am – 10 am, there would be plenty of people willing to answer questions. Commissioner Fagan, who teaches P.E. at the High School, mentions the school district is already teaching pickleball and would be willing to work with the group to get the program moving forward.

Debby Endicott, Modification Committee Chairman for the Eagle Point Gold Course HOA, requested the Chanticleer Pear tree be added to the current Street Tree list. (Submission #2). Ms. Endicott provided a handout which includes background and planting guide to insure roots do not become a problem in the future. The tree has already been approved within the EPGC community. Mr. Miller mentioned the Galbraith recommendations, and talking with them about the Chanticleer Pear tree. Commissioner Dietling would like to move forward with the approval based on the discussion with Galbraith.

4. PRESENTATIONS.

4.1 Historic Property Survey, Kramer & Co.

Mr. Upston prefaced the presentation with a summary of an awarded Grant that led to our relationship with Kramer & Co. George Kramer spoke on the 1989 survey by Carol Barrett. Mr. Kramer anticipates there will be changes from Ms. Barrett's survey, and detailed how his survey works. His field work will begin in the fall, as he likes to wait until the leaves fall for a better view of the buildings. He mentioned a compilation of newspaper clippings that were donated from dates ranging in 1935-1940 he will be transferring to a keyword searchable pdf that can be searched on computer. Mr. Kramer insured that his next visit, he would have more information.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR.

5.1 Presentation of Regular Meeting Minutes of June 4, 2019.

Chair Bilden asked for a motion on the Consent Calendar. Commissioner Detling moved that the Consent Calendar be approved. Commissioner Sell seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call: Jonathan Bilden, yes; Douglas Detling, yes; Susie Doss, yes; Josh Fagan, yes; Wyn Lewis, yes; Ana Mannenbach, yes; Kathy Sell, yes; Brandon Crosier, absent; Ivan Ewald, absent. The motion passed with seven yes votes.

6. OLD BUSINESS.

6.1 Continued discussion regarding update of the Park & Recreation Master Plan.

Rob Miller provided a brief update; Commissioner Dietling and Mr. Miller met to discuss key issues. 1. Cover of Master Plan. The options will be narrowed down and presented to the Commission at a later date. 2. Mapping and Interim level of service. Research of approx 40 Parks and Recreation Master Plans were reviewed and presented to the Commission in October.

6.2 Discussion regarding commission goals & work items.

Mr. Upston provided quick background on how Community Development Commission was developed and goals of the Commission. Mr. Upston noted the four goals of the Commission: *Livability, Marketing/Promotion, Community Development* and *Historic Preservation* and asked that the Commission re-evaluate the goals and see if they are still in alignment with Councils goals as they have adjusted their goals twice recently. Commissioner Sell mentions the list needs updating as some items have been completed and therefore should be removed. Mr. Upston recommended livability should stay unchanged as the tasks have not been touched on – unless items were added. Commissioner Dietling and Chair Bilden pointed out the differences between Council and Commission goals. Marketing and Promotions, branding study was removed as it has been completed. Chair Bilden talked about sporting events; Kathy mentioned events that are no longer happening. Mike talks about the strong need for volunteers but does not necessarily feel it needs to be on the list. Community events left as is. Chair Bilden asks about promoting the City. Commissioner Sell suggests the free publication, League of Oregon Cities. Mr. Upston mentions that he will go back through the goals and updating them. Chair Bilden asks about recreation programs. Commissioner Fagan asks what those programs look like, and what the Commission would like to see in regards to the school district. Commissioner Sell mentions taxpayers are paying for all the open school parks and the community is not able to use them even though they were told they would have access to such things as the football field and were going to be available to the public; however it has been locked up. Mr. Miller notes there has been a lot of effort between the City and the schools, however the concern

is vandalism and abuse of the field/equipment. There would need to be someone available to maintain open space. Commissioner Fagan is concerned that the million dollar turf field would be ruined – but he does agree that the track should be available to the public. Commissioner Sell said at one point kids could ride their bikes around school grounds, and now are unable to even get close. Commissioner Lewis talks about the relationship between the pickleball players and the district. The agreement is the pickleball players maintain the facility or they cannot use the facilities any longer. Chair Bilden discusses partnership; Commissioner Dietling suggests the individual groups be mentioned. Chair Bilden asks about the Main St brick building – and Mr. Upston discusses the down town improvement plan and plans for the building. Mr. Miller discusses the expansion of decorative lighting. Chair Bilden mentions the old firehouse property. Commissioner Fagan asks about any incentives to buying the property; Mike speaks on it being City property so the price would be very competitive, lifted parking requirements for downtown, and reduced SDC's. Chair Bilden suggests meeting with the Council in the future to discuss and compare the resources and goals of the Commission and Council.

7. NEW BUSINESS.

None

8. REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS.

Commissioner Lewis reports she had visited Lucas Park and talked with young mothers on what they would like to see in regards to improvements and it was found they were all interested in equipment intended for younger children. Commissioner Sell said she would like to see a future discussion on something like a Japanese pagoda, foot bridge, etc at Highlands Park to represent the relationship with Showa. Commissioner Dietling said he'd like to continue working on the Master Plan in pieces. Chair Bilden expressed his appreciation of the pickleball presentation.

REPORTS FROM STAFF.


Mr. Upston presented a brief background on Devon Linebaugh and an introduction of Nichole Petty, who will be serving as a backup to Ms. Linebaugh. Mr. Miller reminded Commissioners that they can stay up to date with all road work, etc by signing up for newsletters and following progress on the Eagle Point website. He is also putting together a project list and offered it to Commissioners if they have interest. Mr. Miller touched on the memorial bench program, colors available, themes at each park, etc. Commission agreed it should be kept uniform theme in each park. It will be brought back as a consent item. Council Liaison Grossman would like to continue discussion of ADA and disability access in the future, in addition to more tables and BBQ's.

9. ADJOURN.

There being no further business, Chair Bilden adjourned the meeting at 6:22PM.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 1st, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Devon Linebaugh, Meeting Secretary

ATTEST:


Jonathan Bilden, Chair

interim chair
Kathy Sell