



CITY OF EAGLE POINT

"Gateway to the Lakes"

OREGON

JOINT MEETING OF THE CITY OF EAGLE POINT CITY COUNCIL AND PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

JANUARY 22, 2013

WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER – 6:00 P.M.

Mayor Russell called the Workshop to order at 6:01 p.m.

Council Members Present: Bob Russell, Wayne Brown, Bill Fierke, Ruth Jenks, Aaron Prunty, and Kathy Sell.

Council Members Absent: Jonathan Bilden.

Parks and Recreation Commission Members Present: Aaron Prunty, Lynn Scott, Eric Benline, and Mary Phillips.

Staff Members Present: Henry Lawrence, City Administrator; Melissa Owens, Finance Officer; Robert Miller, Public Works Director; Gary Shipley, Public Works; Mike Upston, Principal Planner; and Cindy Hughes, City Recorder.

2. DISCUSSION REGARDING LUCAS PARK

Robert Miller, Public Works Director, opened the discussion with introductions of the City Council and Commissioners. Mr. Miller summarized the results of several public meetings regarding Lucas Park. Park access had been one of the main focal points of public concern; however, there was overall support for the park. Next, Mr. Miller asked the Mayor, Council and Commission for input regarding the next steps to take on Lucas Park. It was noted that plans for the park would change significantly with the pending purchase of the South Shasta property.

Mr. Miller reviewed the Lucas Park Conceptual Plan (Submission No. 1), noting that access and parking would be sketched in for future discussions. The Council and Commission discussed the following:

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- Access for Mr. Lucas' property
- Future restrooms: location, cost and phase
- Walking paths/trails: access, grading, gravel and flat area for people that cannot climb hills
- 400' grassy area for active recreation, passive use
- Park access: loading and unloading areas

Following that discussion, Mayor Russell invited audience members to offer comments. Comments or questions regarded: the location of the Lucas property; and cul-de-sac parking preferable to hammerhead parking.

In addition, the Council and Commission discussed:

- Mowing, care and maintenance of grassy areas
- Grass varieties; and current weeds at park property
- Time table, budget review, and project phases
- Trail system: consideration as volunteer project
- Phase I and cost for future sidewalks at approximately \$50,000-\$60,000
- Funding

Councilor Prunty, formerly a Parks and Recreation Commissioner, emphasized that the items in each project phase were based on community input. He suggested working on trails and benches, to create simple but visible progress. Likewise, Councilor Sell emphasized that Phase I should include parking. Principal Planner, Mike Upston, suggested an option for the parking area would be to rough grade and place rock in that area. Due to time limitations of the Joint Meeting, Mr. Miller asked to meet with the Parks and Recreation Commission again and then bring this item back to the City Council.

3. **DISCUSSION OF PRIORITIES FOR PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION**

Mr. Miller introduced and reviewed the park priority list for the Parks & Recreation Commission (Submission No. 2), which was recommended by the Parks & Recreation Commission. Councilor Sell explained that a skate park was listed as number one so that the teenagers of Eagle Point could have a recreational area too. Currently, there are parks for young children and adults, but the teenage population does not have a park to call their own. In the past, a local citizen group initiated fund raising efforts for a skate park which generated about \$5,000 - \$6,000. Mr. Lawrence estimated it would cost about \$300,000 to develop a skate park. However, an Oregon Parks and Recreation grant program is coming up that the City could apply to for consideration of funding. The grant program is a 60% - 40% match program with 60% by the State and the balance

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from the City. Mayor Russell was in favor of looking at all grants to stretch the City's budget.

Other topics of discussion included:

- Tennis courts and United States Tennis Association (USTA) funding
- Tracy Basketball Court without lighting or restrooms: Mr. Miller will bring this item back for the next meeting

Park priorities remained the same as presented and the property across from the library was identified as the future skate park location. Mayor Russell acknowledged that working on a skate park and Lucas Park would keep staff and the Commission very busy. Councilor Jenks expressed concern about investing in a park design that could end up not being used. In turn, Mr. Lawrence suggested the City conduct a Request for Proposal (RFP) for a design/build for constructing a skate park.

Discussions returned to tennis courts and Councilors Fierke and Sell reported past research of costs ranging from approximately \$50,000 - \$100,000 per court. Partnering with the School District was discussed as well.

Mayor Russell wrapped up the discussion and stated he was open to holding an additional workshop; however, it was necessary to adjourn the meeting in order to hold the regular City Council meeting.

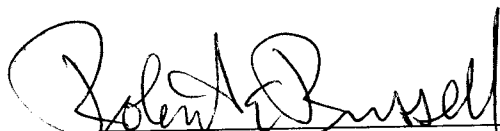
4. ADJOURN

In the interest of time, Mayor Russell adjourned the Joint Meeting of the Eagle Point City Council and Parks and Recreation Commission at 6:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Cindy Hughes, City Recorder

ATTEST:


Robert E. Russell, Mayor