



City of Eagle Point

City Council

SPECIAL STUDY SESSION MINUTES APRIL 22, 2021

1. CALL TO ORDER – 6:00 P.M.

Mayor Jenks called the Special Study Session of the Eagle Point City Council to order via Zoom on April 22, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

Council Members Present: Ruth Jenks, Bernie Grossman, David Lacombe, Mike Moran, Kathy Sell, Michael Stanek, and Kevin Walruff.

Staff Members Present: Aaron Prunty, City Administrator; Robert Miller, Public Works Director; Melissa Owens, Finance Director; Mike Upston, Community Development Director; Cindy Hughes, City Recorder; and Nichole Petty, Account Clerk.

Guests: There were no guests or members of the public.

Mayor Jenks welcomed everyone and made a reminder about keeping background noise to a minimum.

2. Shout Out to Eagle Point's Sister City, Shōwa-mura, Japan.

Mayor Jenks expressed appreciation to Shōwa-mura for the new calendar, candy, and Daruma doll. She explained about the election of new City Councilors and shared Bill Fierke's regards. One of the newly elected Councilors is Kathy Sell, a Councilor they know from her previous service. Mayor Jenks, Council President Stanek and the the City Council expressed appreciation for the friendship with Shōwa-mura. Each Councilor and staff member joined in the greetings to Shōwa-mura. A brief discussion followed about penpal visits and communications amongst the students.

3. Setting short-term park priorities to add to the upcoming budget to serve until a formal park master plan is adopted in the 2021/2022 fiscal year.

Aaron Prunty, City Administrator, explained that this item was scheduled to see if there is anything the Council would like to see included in the budget until a formal park master plan is adopted.

Robert Miller, Public Works Director, reported on major improvements including Lucas Park Restrooms and shade structure, Splash Park, Little Butte Park Entrance and path. Chamberlain Park playground equipment repairs have been a struggle as replacement parts are not compatible with the old equipment. Mr. Miller proposed new equipment at a cost of approximately \$20,000 as a means of creating a nearly new playground. He noted that Council approval will be sought before moving forward. Other projects being discussed in the community include a dog park, skate park, pickleball court, and Highlands Park Conceptual Plan.

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Mayor Jenks inquired about a completion date for the master plan. Mr. Miller reported the goal is sometime in the fall for review and approval. Discussion followed with several rounds of input from the Council. In brief, the direction to staff included providing improved amenities such as barbeques and maintenance to bring the parks up to the highest level as part of the general maintenance program. Through discussion, the Council identified the following top priorities: one or two dog parks, and the Highlands Park conceptual plan. Other notable items include infill of walkways to enhance walkability, the potential addition of pickleball courts, and consideration of a skate park. Further, there was a request for Lucas Park playground equipment for two to five year olds and ADA equipment.

Discussion also addressed concerns about partnering with the School District and support to restore the relationship. One concern was about the closure of their grounds to the public. Mr. Prunty reported on a previous discussion with the School District where it was revealed that dog waste had become very troublesome for students and staff, so much so that their staff had to clean the areas on a regular basis.

The Council continued discussion wherein Mr. Miller agreed to a scaled down conceptual plan for Highlands Park and heard the call for a dog park and improved amenities.


4. ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 7:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Cindy Hughes, City Recorder

ATTEST:


Ruth Jenks, Mayor