



City of Eagle Point

City Council

SPECIAL STUDY SESSION MINUTES MAY 16, 2022

1. CALL TO ORDER – 6:00 P.M.

Mayor Jenks called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

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

Staff Members Present: Aaron Prunty, City Administrator; Melissa Owens, Finance Director; Mike Upston, Community Development Director; Dean LeBret, Public Works Operations Supervisor; and Cindy Hughes, City Recorder.

Guests: Douglas Detling, Neighborhood Enhancement Commissioner; Jessica Welch, Neighborhood Enhancement Commissioner, and members of the public and press.

Mayor Jenks welcomed audience members and requested cell phones to be silenced. She then explained the focus of the study session as park priorities without a designated public comment period. However, she noted Council members are typically available after the meeting and staff is available as well. Mayor Jenks provided a summary of previous meetings wherein pickleball, dog parks, and skateparks were heavily represented and supported. In addition to identifying park priorities, Mayor Jenks noted the newly organized Neighborhood Enhancement Commission awaits direction from the Council as to their first task which could be identified during the meeting.

Further, Councilor Pinnell, Council Liaison to the Neighborhood Enhancement Commission, encouraged audience members to stay throughout the meeting as they may learn things to help with better discussions in the future.

2. Review Park priorities and establish goals for 2022/2023 fiscal year.

Aaron Prunty, City Administrator, reviewed the park projects list and the status of projects as presented in the agenda statement. Basically, projects not highlighted will typically be carried over to the next year, orange highlighted items are in progress, and yellow highlighted items had been completed. Mr. Prunty further explained the need to identify the top three priorities.

The focus of discussion addressed:

- Barbecue grills
- Master Plan
- Dog Park development at existing park with restroom facilities
- Skatepark

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- Pickleball courts
- Highland Park development
- Community events

Council discussion followed wherein they identified the first task for the Neighborhood Enhancement Commission as defining what an Eagle Point Dog Park would look like.

Later during the meeting, Mayor Jenks requested Julian Cordle, Eagle Point resident and Chair of the Medford Parks & Recreation Commission to speak to the value of a master plan and securing grants. Mr. Cordle spoke to the importance of a master plan as a governing document and offered to lend any skills or expertise.

Mayor Jenks noted the skatepark is a priority but a broader conversation of how to get there would be needed. In summary, the top three priorities were identified as:

- Dog Park development at existing park with restroom facilities
- Master Plan
- Barbecue grills at all parks

Last, Councilor Pinnell requested to discuss a letter regarding flags. Mayor Jenks noted the item had not been agendaized but could be discussed at a future meeting.


3. ADJOURN

There being no further business, Mayor Jenks closed the meeting at 7:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Cindy Hughes, City Recorder

ATTEST:


Ruth Jenks, Mayor