



CITY OF EAGLE POINT

"Gateway to the Lakes"

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

MARCH 25, 2014

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, Jonathan Bilden, Wayne Brown, Bill Fierke, Ruth Jenks, Aaron Prunty, and Kathy Sell.

Parks and Recreation Commission Members Present: Aaron Prunty, Elizabeth Bilden, James Mannenbach, and Michael Stanek.

Parks and Recreation Commission Members Absent: David Barber, Dianne Fischetti, Wyn Lewis, Judy Wehle, and Bryan Wood.

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

Public and Press: Jerry Zieman, Budget Committee Member; and members of the public and press.

2. DISCUSSION REGARDING THE PARKS & RECREATION SURVEY

Robert Miller, Public Works Director, explained that the Parks and Recreation Commission had been working on a five-year plan, similar to the plan established by the Economic Development Commission. As part of the Commission's work on preparing a five-year plan, the Commission conducted a survey to receive public input since the last survey was done in 2010-2011.

James Mannenbach, Parks and Recreation Chair, apologized for some of the Parks and Recreation Commissioners not being able to attend the meeting due to Spring Break or other commitments. Next, Commissioner Mannenbach reviewed a handout with background information and survey results (Submission No.1). He also discussed the surveys presented to the community (Submission No. 2) and Eagle Point Students

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(Submission No. 3). A total of 230 surveys were received. The top three overall most desirable categories were hiking trails, water parks, and basketball courts. The following is a summary of the overall survey results.

Community groups. 70 surveys were received. Of those surveys, the top three most desirable categories were:

- 1) water park, hiking trails – 70%;
- 2) tennis/skate park – 50%; and
- 3) basketball courts – 10%.

Eagle Point Middle School and High Schools students. 107 surveys were ranked as follows for the top three categories:

- 1) hiking trails/water park – 80%;
- 2) basketball courts – 70%; and
- 3) other – 25%. Skate parks were rated at less than 10%.

Online surveys. 53 surveys resulted in the following top three most desirable items being:

- 1) hiking trails – 92%;
- 2) water park – 78%; and
- 3) basketball courts – 53%.

Discussion ensued about the survey results, with the following items discussed:

- Skate parks which had previously ranked considerably higher on the list.
- Survey results differing depending on the population surveyed, and survey results being more family-centered than in previous years.
- Clarification of approximately six community groups participating in the survey: Chamber of Commerce, Rotary, Eagle Point Women's Club, Community Association, and homeowners associations.
- Completing Lucas Park.
- Connectivity of walking paths, extending as far as the Bear Creek Greenway. Development of hiking trails/interpretive trails in the recently purchased wetland area. Economic feasibility of trails and using volunteers to help with creating trails.
- After-school and recreational programs, partnering with D9 School District and YMCA.
- Economical water parks.
- Pickle ball.

3. DISCUSSION OF PRIORITIES FOR PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

Commissioner Mannenbach requested the Council's direction about whether a new Master Plan should be developed or if specific goals should be addressed. Following a lengthy discussion, Commissioner Mannenbach identified priorities as: evaluation of a

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water park; connectivity of walking trails; and a strategic plan or Master Plan. The Council ultimately expressed support of a new Parks and Recreation Master Plan to assist in providing direction and obtaining grants.

Also present during a portion of the meeting were Mike and Diana Oliver of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (LDS Church). Mr. Oliver made a presentation regarding the National Day of Service, September 13th (Submission No. 4). Representatives of the LDS Church had previously met with Mayor Russell to discuss volunteer projects for a large number of individuals from the LDS Church and the Eagle Point community. About 400 people (men, women, and children), or 1,000 volunteer man-hours are anticipated although heavy equipment could not be committed. Mr. Oliver will work with Mr. Miller on coordination details about the Day of Service. Examples of community projects by the LDS Church included: blackberry removal, cleaning a cemetery in Central Point, and cleaning headstones at another location.

Additional discussion was about:

- Volunteer groups with heavy equipment.
- Grant opportunities and match requirements. Mr. Miller will look at current grant opportunities to determine a good choice for the City.


4. ADJOURN

Mayor Russell adjourned the Joint Meeting of the Eagle Point City Council and Parks and Recreation Commission at 6:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Cindy Hughes, City Recorder

ATTEST:


Robert E. Russell, Mayor