



KEIZER PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD AGENDA
Tuesday, March 13, 2018, 6:00 p.m.
Keizer Civic Center

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES ~ January 2018
3. APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS
4. NEW/OLD BUSINESS
 - Reassignment of Parks
5. STAFF REPORT
6. COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT
7. YOUTH COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORT ~ *Brooke Ridgway*
8. OTHER BUSINESS
9. ADJOURNMENT

Reminders: **Next Board Meeting**
Tuesday, April 10, 2018

Board Member Reporting to Council: Dylan Juran, Monday, March 19

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**KEIZER PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
Tuesday, February 13, 2018
6:00 p.m. Keizer Civic Center**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair David Loudon called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Present

David Loudon, Chair
Jim Taylor, Vice Chair
Matt Lawyer
Cat Gaynor
Wayne Frey
Dylan Juran
Clint Holland
Zaira Marin Flores

Absent:

Donna Bradley
Youth Liaison Brooke Ridgway

Council Liaison:

Roland Herrera

Staff Present

Robert Johnson, Parks Division Manager
Debbie Lockhart, Deputy City Recorder

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Jim Taylor moved for approval of the January 2018 Regular Session Minutes. Dylan Juran seconded. Motion passed as follows: Loudon, Taylor, Holland, Gaynor, Juran, Frey in favor, with Lawyer absent at time of vote, Marin Flores abstaining and Bradley absent.

APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS: None

PUBLIC HEARING – Smoke-Free Policy for City Parks

Chair Loudon opened the Public Hearing.

Bob DeVore, Carol Doerfler and Rhonda Rich voiced support for banning smoking in all city parks. In addition an email from *Kelly Martin* was read into the record in which she supported banning smoking in all city parks as well.

Kerryann Bouska, from the Marion County Health Department, indicated she was attending the meeting in two capacities (1) as a homeowner and tax payer and (2) representing Marion County. She noted that the department she works in oversees tobacco prevention in the county and noted that in that capacity she is attending as an educator. She explained that:

- Any policy developed for smoke-free parks should include the use of both tobacco and marijuana.

- Marion County and Salem parks are smoke free.
- It is confusing to designate a smoking area vs. a non-smoking area in parks
- Clear, consistent policies are easier to understand and allow citizens to self-police
- Statistically speaking across the nation of smoke free environs, self-regulation has been effective
- 19% of adults in Marion County smoke
- Under 9% of Marion County youth use tobacco
- Marion County continues to educate the community and an ordinance prohibiting smoking in parks empowers citizens to point out to violators that the area is smoke-free and ask them to stop smoking. This would be an opportunity to change the current culture.

With no further testimony, Chair Loudon closed the Public Hearing.

Jim Taylor moved to recommend Council make all parks smoke free but recommend that it not be done through an ordinance and that violators not be ticketed (it would be accomplished through self-compliance), and all parks be so signed. Motion died for lack of second.

Matt Lawyer urged that discussion take place regarding the motion made and passed at the previous meeting: **That the Board recommend to Council that signs be placed in every park that say “thank you for not smoking”**. He noted that Council was not opposed to this but had recommended that disposal mechanisms be considered for all parks.

Discussion followed regarding

- The ‘mixed message’ that ‘smoker’s poles’ would send if they were placed in parks
- Enforcement/Self-regulation
- The current Parks Rules
- Cigarette butt litter
- Educating the public rather than legislating behavior

Eric Howald from Keizertimes suggested that if the Board chose to educate the public regarding the hazards of smoking and the need to avoid smoking in parks, they could submit public service announcements to the paper for publication whenever there was a space for them.

Dylan Juran moved to reconsider the motion from the last meeting: Wayne Frey seconded. Motion passed as follows: Loudon, Taylor, Holland, Gaynor, Juran, Frey, Lawyer and Marin-Flores in favor with Bradley absent.

Dylan Juran moved to withdraw the motion that the Board recommend to Council that signs be placed in every park that say “thank you for not smoking”. Cat Gaynor seconded. Motion passed as follows: Loudon, Taylor, Holland, Gaynor, Juran, Frey, Lawyer and Marin-Flores in favor with Bradley absent.

Dylan Juran moved that the Parks Advisory Board recommend that Council amend the current Parks Rules ordinance to remove reference to specified areas and ban smoking

in all areas of parks and include language to cover all forms of smoking and all materials being smoked. Jim Taylor seconded.

(Ordinance 2010-618 Section 14: No person may ignite or smoke any tobacco or tobacco product, or any other material on any park trail, restroom or in any fire risk area, or in any area additionally designated by the Director.)

Motion passed as follows: Taylor, Holland, Gaynor, Juran, Frey and Marin-Flores in favor with Loudon and Lawyer opposed and Bradley absent (6-2-1).

NEW/OLD BUSINESS: Matt Lawyer reported that the Keizer Little League fields had been vandalized again. He asked that a discussion take place on locking the gate near the apartments and additional gating at the front of the park to discourage people from entering the park during off hours. Discussion followed regarding lighting and security cameras. Clint Holland noted that Keizer Little League is working on putting 6' fencing around the park and looking into purchasing camera equipment for security.

STAFF REPORT: Robert Johnson reported that he is training a new employee who worked as a temporary these last few seasons. Parks has also formally placed an order for three new trucks to replace the antique trucks being used at the present time. The filbert trees have been removed at Keizer Rapids Park and staff is hoping to get them burned according to agricultural practices when weather permits. The entire area will be farmed.

COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT: Councilor Herrera

- Shared highlights of the February 2 council meeting,
- Reported on the Waremart opening,
- Expressed anticipation regarding the new theater
- Noted that Youth Councilor Samuel Hernandez was accepted at Willamette but is also talking to Harvard and Stanford
- Announced the Long Range Planning Task Force and Budget Committee meetings

YOUTH COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORT: Brooke Ridgway was absent.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Matt Lawyer reported that the Rotary arboretum was completed with the help of many volunteers. April 21 will be the grand opening. February 10 was the annual Ben Miller Family Park cleanup and March 17 will be the annual Civic Center cleanup. He challenged the Parks Board members to participate in these and other activities besides just the meetings.

Chair Loudon welcomed new member Zaira Marin-Flores.

ADJOURNMENT ~ Meeting adjourned at 7:49 pm.

Next Meeting: March 13, 2018

Approved: _____