

MINUTES
ASHLAND PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
Recreation Division Advisory Committee (RDAC)
October 19, 2023, 4:00 p.m.

In-person meeting at Lithia Cabin 340 S. Pioneer St. Ashland, OR 97520

Present: Committee Members: Commissioner Lewis, Members Grimm and Buck

APRC Staff: Deputy Director Dials, Interim Director Eldridge

Members of Public: Sophia Blanton (potential committee Member), Michael Dotson

Absent: Commissioner Bachman, Recreation Manager Flora

CALL TO ORDER

Grimm called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Buck moved for approval of the August 17, 2023, RDAC minutes. Lewis seconded. All in favor.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

BUSINESS

General Recreation Updates

Dials briefly updated the committee on Ice Rink season, Winter/Spring Program Guide schedule, Smart Rec registration program implementation, Japanese Garden Event, Pool Liner, Management Advisory Committees (MAC) update, Volunteer in Parks program and the Nature Center.

Committee Member Input on Recreation Division Services

Dials lead the RDAC committee and members of the public in an exercise to gather input on the Recreation Services Division.

1. If APCR was to advertise a Request for Proposal (RFP) for services at the Nature Center, what ideas would you want to make sure to include in the RFP?
 - a. What are some ideal partnerships? b. What role would APCR play? c. Is City doing anything that could be combined? CEAP goals? Sustainability? Water Conservation. Sustainability Coordinator. Sustainability Center. (etc)
2. In your opinion, what are the most important services that the Recreation Division provides? a. Are there service gaps that should be addressed? If yes, what?
3. What could the Rec. Division stop doing?
4. What are additional partnerships that could save \$\$ and time in that could be ideal to fit within the Recreation Division?
5. What do you think is the future of the Recreation Division? What are the high-level goals?

The committee discussed and answered each question and notes were taken on each of the items.

At the end of the exercise, some of the comments from the committee for next steps included:

1. Be more action oriented.
2. **Create working groups** and accelerate our movement with RDAC.

Appointment of Sophia Blanton to RDAC Committee

Lewis moved to appoint Sophia Blanton to the RDAC Committee. All yes. The next step was acknowledgement by the Parks Commission at the November meeting.

Other Items from Committee Members

A request from RDAC to include a quick presentation on the APRC Organizational Chart at the meeting in December.
Discuss potential for working groups to assist staff with goals.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:27p.m. Next meeting will be December 14 at 4pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rachel Dials
APRC