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AGENDA FOR REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

ASHLAND PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

June 24, 2019

Council Chambers, 1175 E. Main Street

7:00 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. APPROVAL OR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF MINUTES

- APRC Study Session – May 13, 2019
- APRC Regular Meeting – May 20, 2019
- Ashland Senior Advisory Committee – May 6, 2019
- Pool Ad-Hoc – May 1, 2019
- Current Parks, Conservation & Maintenance – April 15, 2019
- Bee City USA – March 13, 2019

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- a) Open Forum

IV. ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Art in the Park Request (Action)
- b) Daniel Meyer Memorial Pool Update (Information)

VII. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS/STAFF

VIII. UPCOMING MEETING DATES

- a) Pool Ad-Hoc Committee – July 3, 2019
- Ashland Senior Center, 1699 Homes Ave—3:30 p.m.
- b) Ashland Senior Advisory Committee – July 8, 2019
- Ashland Senior Center, 1699 Homes Ave—3:30 p.m.
- c) APRC Study Session—July 15, 2019
- The Grove, 1195 E. Main St., Ashland—5:30 p.m.
- d) APRC Regular Meeting—July 22, 2019
- Council Chambers, 1175 E. Main St., Ashland—7:00 p.m.
- e) Current Parks, Conservation, and Maintenance Subcommittee—Aug 12, 2019
- Lithia Cabin, 340 S Pioneer St.—2:00 p.m.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Minutes
ASHLAND PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
May 13, 2019
The Grove, Otte-Peterson Room
1195 E. Main Street

Present: Commissioners Gardiner (Chair), Landt (Co-Chair), Bell, Heller, Lewis; Director Black; Recreation Superintendent Dials; Analyst Kiewel; Assistant Sullivan

Absent: City Council Liaison Mayor Stromberg

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Gardiner called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

PUBLIC INPUT

John Riha & Jack Methot of Ashland spoke on behalf of the Southern Oregon Pickleball Association (SOPA). Riha reaffirmed support for dedicated Pickleball Courts and stated their commitment to work with APRC to make this happen. SOPA has visited the Oak Knoll Golf Course and supports utilizing this location for dedicated pickleball courts. SOPA would like to establish Ashland as a regional pickleball destination where tournaments and instruction classes can take place. Riha also stated that SOPA stands ready to provide significant supplemental funding to build first class courts as well as hand-on labor for construction. Riha proposed the establishment of a subcommittee to review locations at Oak Knoll and to gather bids for construction. If APRC were to form a subcommittee, Riha requested that a couple SOPA members be appointed. Methot added that specifics about two SOPA members who would be good fits on the subcommittee who have experience in the building trades.

COLA POLICY REVIEW

Black reviewed the staff report included in the packet which proposes the suspension of the currently policy and to cap COLA at 2% due to fiscal restraints.

Discussion on the topic included the following points:

- Landt proposed providing 2%, rather than up to 2%, when setting COLA for FY 21. Landt added that 2.1% is what is the CPI-W set for the current fiscal year COLA and APRC employees will receive 2%
- Gardiner stated the policy was structured to be a sliding scale and would be impossible to give more than what the City of Ashland included in the budget for non-represented employees. However, if the CPI-W comes in under 2% in FY 21, it would be spending beyond current means to provide a COLA that goes above what has been budgeted
- Lewis stated the importance of communicating clearly with APRC employees on the issue
- All APRC employees are non-representant
- Gardiner also stated a need to come into alignment with the City of Ashland for non-represented employee COLA policy. Flexibility on what is provided for FY21 could allow APRC and City of Ashland to work together on a policy
- The City of Ashland and APRC currently use different CPIs to determine COLA
- It will be possible to review COLA for FY21
- Black has been discussing the current budget limitations with APRC Managers
- The item will be brought back to the Commission at the next Regular Meeting to be held on May 20, 2019

ALCOHOL ORDINANCE PROCESS

Superintendent Dials reviewed the staff report included in the packet. Dials asked for direction on whether to move forward with an ordinance amendment and what changes to the ordinance the Commission would like to see if an amendment is sought.

Discussion on the topic included the following points:

- There was consensus that an ordinance amendment would remain general in nature and not identify specific groups
- A process would be established for APRC staff to review applicants following OLCC regulations and guidelines
- There may be a need to re-word the “no alcohol” signs in parks to reference permitted use if the ordinance is amended
- An ordinance change would not allow open containers in parks as OLCC guidelines ensure that alcohol is limited to specific areas where serving and consumption can be regulated
- Gardiner proposed including a requirement to have food for any event that would be permitted for alcohol in a park
- Landt stated a concern that allowing alcohol in the park would encourage unpermitted alcohol consumption in parks
- Landt would like to see information on potential cost recovery and would not like to add programs that do not generate revenue
- Dials suggested that alcohol in the park should be limited to specific areas within Lithia Park, along with Oak Knoll and Calle Guanajuato which are already included in the current ordinance. Landt later suggested that the ordinance not make mention of specific areas and allow APRC permitting policy to determine appropriate locations
- Landt would like to see internal APRC permit approval policies in place prior to taking the ordinance amendment to the Council
- Dials stated that APRC staff would approve permits, but permit holders would be responsible to managing the event and alcohol consumption
- Dials stated staff is prepared to move forward with reaching out to other jurisdictions to research processes and income generation, including possible fee structures (non-profit, private, for profit, etc.)

19-21 GOALS DISCUSSION

Landt opened discussion on this agenda item by proposing to add the Lithia Park Master Plan Implementation goal to the list. Landt stated that implementation of the Master Plan would move forward without being added to the list but stated the following reasons for adding it to the official 19-21 APRC Goals list.

- Goals are included in the bi-weekly report provided by the Director to the Commissioners
- Including it on the list communicates the importance of implementing the Lithia Park Master Plan to the public

Discussion on the topic included the following points:

- Heller stated a concern that the goals within the Lithia Park Master Plan have not been prioritized and would like to move forward with a process in the future to prioritize the goals
- Black plans to provide a draft prioritization plan to the Commission for review that could include a top five list for the biennium based on recommendations from Heller
- Lewis mentioned that there was community support for implementing the plan displayed at the Lithia Park Master Plan open house
- There is currently \$121,000 budgeted for implementing the Lithia Park Master Plan. APRC may be able to utilize additional Ashland Parks Foundation funds to implement projects as well
- The Lithia Park Master Plan is a 100-year plan. Many of the recommendations will be extremely costly and may not be able to be accomplished in the immediate future
- Gardiner directed staff to bring a recommendation to the next Regular Meeting to have the goal added to the list

19-21 COST RECOVERY GOALS DISCUSSION

Black reviewed the staff report included in the packet.

Kiewel stated that the upcoming budget was put together by projecting expenses and revenue based on actual figures from 2016-2019 and then averaging them. Slight increases for revenue were projected based on input from Superintendent Dials.

Black stated that the Cost Recovery Goal should be increased based on what has been budgeted for Ice Rink revenue. The Nature Center goals are higher than what has been budgeted, as is the case with other programs. This allows staff to strive to meet revenue goals, while not risking coming in under budget.

Discussion on the topic included the following points:

- Landt stated that, in general, the cost recovery goals should be set to 100% of what has been budgeted. If this is not the case, an explanation on why this is the case should be provided
 - Black stated that this information can be provided to the Commissioners later in the week
- Heller made the point that there are factors outside of the control of APRC, such as smoke events, that could negatively impact meeting the Cost Recovery Goal
- Black stated that there are small differences between the goals and what has been budgeted aside from the Golf Course which has a significant difference. The budget reflects the possibility of losing revenue because of smoke events

Black addressed a question posed by Commissioner Bell at a previous meeting regarding why Capital Improvement Expenditures are not included in the Cost Recovery methodology. This is a practice that has been done to keep capital separate from operations. Capital Improvements are paid for by Food & Beverage. For example, there is not an expectation that the money put into constructing Calle Guanajuato will be recovered through the program that rents space to restaurants and artists. The Cost Recovery only looks at operational expenses that could be recovered. The Calle would have been constructed even if APRC did not rent space.

Discussion on the topic included the following points:

- Bell stated that based on this accounting procedure, it is difficult to determine if Calle Guanajuato was a great investment since the Capital Improvement expenses are not included in the Cost Recovery. Bell also stated that this may be irrelevant since it is a Capital Improvement paid by tax payer money that is being spent to repair public infrastructure
- Black stated that Cost Recovery analysis based on operational expenses and revenue alone helps to identify if a subsidy is being provided to the public and how much is being subsidized
- Bell requested that Capital Improvement background information be provided for programs with Cost Recovery Goals
- Lewis stated that many programs have intrinsic value to the community and not all APRC programs or parks facilities can or should fully recover costs
- Landt added that when Recreation Programs have a substantial Capital Improvement costs associated with them, the full cost of operations and Capital Improvement should be taken into consideration when making decisions about specific programs and potential expenditures
- Capital Improvements funds come from the Food & Beverage tax. Operations funds come from the citizens of Ashland
- Dials stated that the Nature Center & Ice Rink fee structure changes will be brought to the Commission at a later date, separate from the Cost Recovery goals. Landt added that staff should report information on when fees were last as part of the Cost Recovery Goals process, so they can be reviewed annually and adjusted accordingly
- Black stated that information on Capital Improvement Projects will be provided to the Commission

Dials confirmed that staff is prepared to bring the issue back to the Commission at the next Regular Meeting.

ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS AND STAFF

- Lewis mentioned an upcoming event sponsored by the Ashland Forest Resiliency and KS Wild
- Landt mentioned an upcoming event sponsored by the Friends of Lithia Park
- Heller inquired about the process of addressing the request by SOPA to form a pickleball subcommittee. Gardiner stated staff will be reviewing the request and the Commission may discuss this item at a future meeting.
- Black reported on the City of Ashland budget process
- Gardiner reported on a news article that may be in the paper regarding the fir trees within the Japanese Garden Plan as well as the CIP allocation for the Japanese Garden. Black added that the funds for this project would come from the category "Other/Grants" and would not come from Food & Beverage funds.

- Dials announced the opening of the pool and splash pad for the summer. Dials also mentioned the upcoming Ashland World Music Festival
- Gardiner announced the site visit for the proposed Japanese Lantern project proposed by Terry Doyle

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by
Sean Sullivan, Office Assistant II

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Minutes
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
ASHLAND PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
May 20, 2019
Council Chambers, 1175 E. Main Street

Present: Commissioners Gardiner (Chair), Landt (Co-Chair), Heller, Lewis; Director Black; Recreation Superintendent Dials; Senior Services Superintendent Glatt; Parks Superintendent Oxendine, Assistant Sullivan

Absent: Commissioner Bell; City Council Liaison Mayor Stromberg

CALL TO ORDER

Gardiner called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

APPROVAL OR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF MINUTES

APRC Special Meeting April 8, 2019

Gardiner stated a correction to the Minutes on page 3. The Comment, "Commissioner Gardiner clarified that the E Main Park was made possible by selling Clay Street Property to the YMCA for a profit", is inaccurate and should indicate that APCR sold the YMCA Park to the YMCA and the Clay Street property was sold back to the Housing Authority of Jackson County.

Motion: Landt moved to approve the Minutes from April 8, 2019 as amended. Lewis Seconded.
The vote was all yes.

APRC Regular Meeting – April 22, 2019

Motion: Landt moved to approve the Minutes from April 22, 2019 as presented. Lewis Seconded.

Minutes Acknowledged:

Pool Ad-Hoc

April 3, 2019

Ashland Senior Advisory Committee

April 8, 2019

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

a) Open Forum

Larry Cooper of Ashland provided written comments and read them for the record (See Attachment I). Cooper also provided a URL to a video on YouTube titled, "Legacy of Trees, John McLaren's Gift to Ashland": https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y5L2LCU8_XQ&feature=youtu.be. Cooper added he has been dismayed watching the process for the Lithia Park Master Plan and the discussion, or lack thereof, of how to refurbish the Japanese garden. Cooper saw a similarity with this process and the miscommunication experienced during the Senior Center restructuring.

Julie Norman of Ashland provided written comments and read them into the record. Norman also provided a program to an event held by the Friends of Lithia Park held on May 14, 2019 (See Attachment II for both documents).

ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

b) 19-21 Cost Recovery Goals (Action)

Dials reviewed the staff report included in the packet.

Discussion on the topic included the following points:

- In addition to Nature Center fees, Dials plans to bring Ice Rink fees back to the Commission for review
- The discussion included the following items on Nature Center School Programs

- Most school groups attending Nature Center activities request scholarships to offset costs
- Scholarships for school groups attending Nature Center activities are not restricted to the Ashland School District
- The Scholarships are administered by the Ashland Parks Foundation
- The program is in high demand which could support raising fees
- Landt expressed concern that scholarships are provided to school children outside of the Ashland School District and staff may want to review which school districts receive scholarship funding when reviewing the fee structure for Nature Center School Programs
- The Goal for the Ice Rink & Nature Center School Programs are based on a projection that takes potential fee increases into account
- The Pioneer Hall goal was adjusted based on Commissioner input at the previous meeting and due to the closure of the Community Center, which will likely result in more rental income at Pioneer Hall

Motion: Landt moved to approve the Cost Recovery Goals as presented. Heller seconded.

Discussion:

- Heller stated the Ashland Parks Foundation may want to review the policy of funding scholarships for school children outside of the Ashland School District.
- Gardiner stated that if the school programs fill up, scholarship funds should probably be reserved for Ashland School District classes
 - Dials clarified the following:
 - Manager VanWyhe writes grants to other foundations to provide funding specifically for these scholarships
 - Dials believes that the grants are written to support environmental education opportunities for school groups throughout the Rogue Valley and are not limited to the Ashland School District
 - Dials will bring back information on grants to the Commission

The question on the Motion was called. The Motion in question was:

Motion: Landt moved to approve the Cost recovery Goals as presented. Heller seconded.

The vote was all yes

NEW BUSINESS

a) COLA Policy Amendment (Action)

Black reviewed the staff report included in the packet which asks for a suspension of the current policy based on budget restrictions. Black specifically asked that the policy be suspended rather than amended to allow the possibility of working with the City of Ashland to bring the City of Ashland and APRC COLA policies in line with one another, so all unrepresented employees would receive the similar COLA increases.

Discussion on the topic included the following points:

- Black clarified that the motion would suspend the policy and cap the COLA increase to no more than 2%
 - If the CPI-W came in at 2% or less, that number would be used to set the COLA
- Landt proposed the COLA for the next fiscal year be set to 2% since suspension of the policy would preclude awarding a COLA above 2%. Landt added that 2.1% is what is the CPI-W set for the current fiscal year COLA.
- The Commission has the potential to review the policy and amount provided next fiscal year
- Black is unaware of the methodology the City of Ashland uses to determine COLA
- Lewis stated that suspending the policy as requested would allow APRC to work with the City of Ashland to reconcile COLA policies and methodology. Lewis further stated that the Commission has the flexibility to review the issue again next fiscal year

Motion: Lewis moved to suspend the COLA policy for this biennium. Heller seconded.

Discussion:

There was concern from Gardiner and Landt that the stated motion did not cap the COLA at 2%. Lewis rescinded the motion.

Motion: Lewis moved to approve the proposed suspension of the Benefit Adjustment Policy and cap the COLA increase at 2% for the 2019/21 Biennium. Heller seconded.

Discussion:

Black stated that APRC employees will received a 2% COLA for the fiscal year that begins July 1, 2019 since the CPI-W came in at 2.1%. The CPI-W will still determine the COLA, but caps the amount given at 2%.

A vote on the motion on the table was called. The motion in question was:

Motion: Lewis moved to approve the proposed suspension of the Benefit Adjustment Policy and cap the COLA increase at 2% for the 2019/21 Biennium. Heller seconded.

The vote was all yes

b) QTR 6 Budget Update (Action)

Black reviewed the staff report included in the packet. Discussion on the topic included the following points:

- Landt suggested that the Commission acknowledge the budget update rather than approving it
- Black stated that acknowledgement or approval of the budget update shown in the Minutes would suffice

Motion: Landt moved to accept the information as provided. Heller seconded.

The vote was all yes

c) 19-21 Goals Addition (Action)

Black reviewed the staff report included in the packet. Discussion on the topic included the following points:

- Black stated that if 19 goals were initially approved, the addition of the proposed goal would have been next in line to be added
- Black specified that the goal from the previous biennium regarding the Lithia Park Master Plan stated that the process to select a consultant for the Lithia Master Plan should continue while the proposed goal is more specific and went through the prioritization process, while other goals from the previous biennium did not go through that process
- Black clarified that the Greenway goal from the previous biennium would generally fall under goal number 1 for the upcoming biennium regarding trails and open space

Motion: Landt moved to approve the Lithia Park Master Plan goal as stated by staff. Lewis seconded.

Discussion:

- Heller stated a concern that the goals within the Lithia Park Master Plan have not been prioritized and would like to move forward with a process in the future to prioritize the goals
- Gardiner clarified that the Lithia Park Master Plan has yet to be adopted, that the prioritization will not be included in the document and that it will be up to the Commission to prioritize the goals within the Lithia Park Master Plan
- Lewis stated that there may be opportunities to complete goals in the immediate future that have a lesser budget impact, while other goals that would have a considerable budget impact would need a funding source identified prior to moving forward

A vote on the motion on the table was called. The motion in question was:

Motion: Landt moved to approve the Lithia Park Master Plan goal as stated by staff. Lewis seconded.

The vote was all yes

ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS/STAFF

- Black stated that APRC staff will be working on scheduling a walkthrough for the Japanese Lantern Art in the Park project proposed by Terry Doyle at the February 2019 Study Session. Black mentioned the applicant informed APRC staff that the plaque mentioned at the Public Arts Commission meeting will not be included in the final proposal
- Gardiner will be visiting Guanajuato, Ashland's sister city in Mexico, as a representative of APRC

UPCOMING MEETING DATES

- c) Pool Ad-Hoc Committee – June 5, 2019
 - Ashland Senior Center, 1699 Homes Ave—3:30 p.m.
- d) Current Parks, Conservation, and Maintenance Subcommittee—June 10, 2019
 - Lithia Cabin, 3:40 S Pioneer St—2:00 p.m.
- e) Ashland Senior Advisory Committee – June 10, 2019
 - Ashland Senior Center, 1699 Homes Ave—3:30 p.m.
- f) Bee City USA — June 12, 2019
 - Nature Center, 620 N Mountain Ave—3:00 p.m.
- g) APRC Study Session—June 17, 2019
 - The Grove, 1195 E Main Street, Ashland—5:30 p.m.
- h) APRC Regular Meeting—June 24, 2019
 - Council Chambers, 1175 E Main Street, Ashland—7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
Sean Sullivan, Office Assistant II

Attachment I

Remarks for May 20, 2019 APRC meeting:

note addition to goals: "19. Complete the Lithia Park Master Planning process and promptly consider and act upon the recommendations where appropriate. "

APRC and staff, please include the following in the public comments as part of the minutes for the May 20, 2019 meeting:

From Larry Cooper, 259 B Street, Ashland 541 210-1458

I would like to address 2 issues related to the Lithia Park Master Plan. I have followed the planning process and participated at various stages during the last year. My first concern, which is shared by many in Ashland, is that the APRC is not willing to take direction from the master plan when it comes to new developments in Lithia Park. I'm specifically referring to the plan to rebuild the Japanese Garden. The draft master plan is clear that existing landscape features of the Park be respected, but the adopted Japanese Garden plan instead calls for removing 2 healthy, more than 100 year old Douglas fir trees from the grove of 12 that was in the original park design by John McLaren. This plan is part of the budget being voted on tonight. The APRC had the trees examined by a licensed arborist and the resulting report not only declared the trees healthy, but it also cautioned that removal of the 2 trees might result in damage to some of the remaining trees in the grove of 12 Douglas Firs. In spite of the guidance about future park development contained in the LPMP discussion, the Park's Commission went on to approve the plan, including removal of the 2 Douglas Fir trees and that plan stands today in the budget document being reviewed at this meeting. Even worse, there is not a clear plan for ongoing maintenance for the redone Japanese Garden. On more than one occasion, folks involved in promoting the plan have floated the idea of charging admission to the garden in order to raise sufficient funds for its high ongoing maintenance cost which is an idea that flies in the face of the history and culture of the park. This is another case of the LPMP being ignored. Recommendations 26 (regarding Lithia Park's historic legacy) and 33 (admonishing management to consider short and long range maintenance impacts for any new facilities) recommend a more thoughtful and respectful approach to making changes to the landscape of Lithia Park. Please include the following video as part of my testimony this evening: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y5L2LCU8_XQ&feature=youtu.be The 6 minute video is titled "Legacy of Trees, John McLaren's Gift to Ashland" . I encourage anyone reading or hearing this to google the title, and they will be able to view this short video documentary made in the spirit of the Lithia Park Master Plan. Thank you.

May 20, 2019 Testimony from Julie Norman

TO: ASHLAND PARKS COMMISSIONERS

FROM: JULIE NORMAN 541/482-4459 julie@juliekaynorman.com

RE: RESUBMISSION OF TWO REQUESTS IN SUPPORT OF FACT-BASED DECISION-MAKING PROCESSES FOR THE ASHLAND PARKS FOUNDATION'S PROPOSED JAPANESE GARDEN PROJECT, RESUMING IN FEBRUARY 2020.

As a concerned citizen, I am here again asking you to take steps to improve the documentation and fact-base that will underlie your planning, when you resume decision-making on the APF proposal to expand and upgrade the historic Japanese-style Garden in Lithia Park.

Today I am resubmitting two previous written requests, as follows:

#1. Please take action as requested in my March 20, 2019 letter to Commissioners Landt and Gardiner, c/o the APRC Long Range Park Planning Subcommittee.

My suggestion is that Commissioners attach the following "Addendum to the Notes" for Commissioners' January 24, 2019 Listening and Public Input Session, to (a) correct the list of "Attendees" and (b) convey important new planning information provided by Ashland Parks Foundation's representative and guest speaker, Jeff Mangin.

ADDENDUM to the NOTES for 1/24/19 LISTENING and PUBLIC INPUT SESSION on the JAPANESE GARDEN DESIGN:

A. Under ATTENDEES, add "Commissioner Gardiner" to the list.

B. Under PUBLIC PARTICIPATION, add the following:

Guest Speaker:

Ashland Parks Foundation Board Member and major donor, Jeff Mangin, described the development of the proposal and "Plan" for expanding and upgrading the Japanese Garden. He showed an overhead view of the design. He also clarified that (a) the Foundation's pledge to supply annual donations of \$60,000 to cover increased maintenance expenses would not continue indefinitely, and (b) he believed entrance fees collected from "out-of-staters" could help fill this revenue gap in future years.

Meeting Handouts: none

- end of proposed "Addendum to the Notes" -

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#2. Please take action on my request (Item B.) provided as testimony at Commissioners' March 25, 2019 Regular Meeting.

I am suggesting that the Long Range Parks Planning Subcommittee host a debriefing session to analyze lingering confusion about the Ashland Parks Foundation Plan during the decision-making process, culminating in your controversial vote on January 28, 2019 that triggered the Ashland Parks Foundation donor to suddenly withdraw his \$1.3 million pledge for construction.

#3 Please take action on my request (Item C) provided as testimony on March 25, 2019.

I am suggesting that Commissioners rescind and withdraw the controversial "yes" vote on Jan. 28, 2019 to adopt the Ashland Parks Foundation's proposal "as presented."

See attached testimony from March 25, 2019 for three reasons this action would help put the APRC and the public on solid footing for planning in 2020.

Thank you for your help,
Julie Norman

Attachments:

Mar. 20, 2019 letter to Commissioners Landt and Gardiner

Mar. 25, 2019 Testimony at Commissioners Regular Meeting

To: APRC Long Range Park Planning Subcommittee, ATTN: Commissioners Landt and Gardiner
Fr: Julie Norman 541-488-9474; julie@juliekaynorman.com
Dt: March 20, 2019

Re: Suggested revisions to the Draft Minutes for Jan. 24th Special Meeting and Listening Session on the proposed Japanese Garden Project

Dear Commissioners Landt and Gardiner,

✓ 1. By the way, I am supportive of your decision to add the Japanese Garden Project to the Parks Commission Goals list for the next two years. This is the proper course of action, so that future research and analysis of the Ashland Parks Foundation proposal and Plan can be prioritized, staffed, and accounted for in the same manner as other projects on your Goals list.

I'm assuming the Long Range Park Planning Subcommittee will take the lead role, starting in 2020 when the proposed Project's "suspension" and "cooling off period" end.

2. Today I'm writing your Subcommittee to suggest revisions to the Draft Minutes for the Commissioners' Special Meeting on January 24, 2019 (aka Listening Session).

Before approving these Draft Minutes at your meeting on March 25, 2019, I respectfully suggest the following additions:

A. Under ATTENDEES, add "Gardiner"

B. Under PUBLIC PARTICIPATION, please add this information to help clarify important facts:

Topic for public input: Questions, concerns, and options for planning and implementing the proposed Japanese Garden Project, as presented in the Jan. 24, 2019 Meeting Packet, including these documents:

1. Ashland Parks Foundation proposal letter and Plan (Jan. 23, 2019), submitted by ???
2. Parks Commission Staff Report (Jan. 24, 2019), submitted by Parks Director Black
3. Arborist Report and Risk Assessment of 2 Douglas fir trees, submitted by certified arborist consultant, Mike Oxman, of Seattle

Meeting Handouts: none

Speakers:

1. Parks Director Black described the proposed Project with a power point presentation.
2. Ashland Parks Foundation donor and Board Member, Jeff Mangin, described the development of the proposal and Plan for expanding and renovating the Japanese Garden. He also clarified that (a) the Foundation's pledge to make annual donations of \$60,000 to cover increased maintenance costs would not continue indefinitely, and (b) collecting entrance fees from "out-of-staters" could help fill this revenue gap in future years.

END OF SUGGESTIONS ... THANK YOU

Mar. 25, 2019 Testimony from Julie Norman

TO: ASHLAND PARKS COMMISSIONERS

FROM: JULIE NORMAN 541/482-4459 julie@juliekaynorman.com

TOPIC: How to proceed on the Japanese Garden Project given the (a) January 28th vote to endorse (Gardiner, Heller, Lewis, and Black) the \$1,300,000 Japanese Garden Project, as presented in the Ashland Parks Foundation proposal letter and 2-page "Plan" and (b) the Jan. 31st decision to suspend the project for a year-long "cooling off" period.

A. ANNOUNCEMENT of a SIGNATURE GATHERING CAMPAIGN by FRIENDS OF LITHIA PARK: In order to demonstrate community support for designating the grove of 12 Douglas firs next to the Japanese Garden as Ashland Heritage Trees, we are now seeking signatures on a petition that will be presented later to decision-makers on the Parks Commission and City Council.

People wanting to sign the petition may do so online at: <https://tinyurl.com/8lrGrove>



B. REQUEST to the Long Range Parks Planning Subcommittee: Please host a debriefing session to analyze lingering confusion about the Ashland Parks Foundation Plan during the Project decision-making process from July 2018 through January 2019. This will put us on solid footing for Project planning in 2020.



C. REQUEST to Parks Commissioners: In order to start with a clean slate for reviewing the Japanese Garden Project in 2020, please rescind and withdraw your "yes" vote (3 to 2) on Jan. 28, 2019.

3 REASONS TO RESCIND YOUR JAN. 28, 2019 VOTE:

1. The Japanese Garden Project proposal letter from the Ashland Parks Foundation (January 23, 2019) lacks a Board Member name and signature.
2. The \$1,300,000 project's so-called "plan" consists of two landscape sketches, with no explanatory text and no expense estimates. This lack of detail precluded the necessary due diligence by Commissioners.
3. Parks Commissioners and the public were confused by the Parks Director's support letter in the Jan. 24 Meeting Packet, where it claimed the "endowment" to cover increased maintenance expenses (\$60,000 per year) would be "permanent." The Foundation's donor made a presentation at the Listening Session saying his \$60,000 annual maintenance donations would **not** continue indefinitely. Given this confusion, the long-term financial feasibility of this Project needs to be revisited.

REFERENCES from the City of Ashland website:

- Oct. 17, 2018 Parks Commissioners Staff Report by APRC Director
- Oct. 22, 2018 Approved Minutes re: (a) Japanese Garden Presentation
- Jan. 24, 2019 Commissioners Meeting Packet from the APRC Director

END of *TESTIMONY* from Julie Norman on March 25, 2019

TRIBUTE TO JOHN MCLAREN'S LEGACY OF TREES IN LITHIA PARK

May 20, 2019 – Julie Norman

John Hayes McLaren (1846-1943) served for 56 years as superintendent of Golden Gate Park in San Francisco. He was awarded a **Silver Medal** by the American Scenic and Historic Preservation Society for his work developing Golden Gate Park and was elected an Associate of Honour by England's Royal Horticultural Society. McLaren also received an honorary doctorate from University of California.

He was affectionately known as "Uncle John."

McLaren was born in Scotland, and his first job at the age of fourteen was as a gardener at a small estate near his home. He developed an intense passion to learn more about landscape design. At twenty, he went to Edinburgh to work in the Royal Botanical Garden, where he told an interviewer "Work and life in a good garden were the nicest things I could think of as a boy, and I've not changed my mind. I hope to plant a million trees before I die."

At 27 years, McLaren emigrated to California, where he served for 14 years as head gardener on a 6,500-acre estate in San Mateo County.

His favorite lassie from Scotland, Jane Mill, joined him in California, and they were married in 1876. Their son Donald was born in 1879.

In San Mateo, McLaren implemented the garden design created by the chief architect of New York City's Central Park, Frederick Law Olmsted, who became his ally in designing and advocating for parks. Olmsted is credited with making public parks an integral part of urban life.

Like Olmsted, McLaren's horticultural philosophy was to achieve a natural look. They both favored municipal parks that "recreated nature in the city" and provided visitors with "a taste of wildness."

In 1887 McLaren switched to public parks and was appointed Asst. Superintendent at Golden Gate Park; three years later he became the boss.

Golden Gate Park started out as a 1,000 acres of sand dunes, so McLaren drew on his previous success in Scotland, where he planted a grass called

"sea bent" to fasten down the sands along the Firth of Forth. The City gave him \$30,000 a year for grading and planting, all the water he wanted; and horse dung from San Francisco streets to fertilize the ground.

There were many skeptics about whether the dunes could be transformed into flower gardens, but McLaren ignored them. For almost ten years he spread dung all over Golden Gate Park, until the humus lay at least a foot thick. Trees and flowers were growing, bridle paths ran along the broad winding driveways, and an artificial lake was created in a plateau of sand.

McLaren had tamed the sand dunes, but he also needed to deal with the ocean waves that swept new sands over the Park. Along the beach, McLaren put down thousands of bundles of laths. In front of the laths, facing the ocean, he dumped twigs and branches from prunings. The ocean piled sand into this simple barricade, and a nice ridge rose up along the length of the beach. McLaren planted more laths. Again the ocean piled sand around them. After forty years, the ocean had built an esplanade twenty feet high and three hundred yards wide, forming San Francisco's Great Highway along the Pacific Ocean.

As a lover of the mountains from his youth in Scotland, McLaren enjoyed tramping in the Sierras with his Scottish friend, John Muir, and brought back mental pictures of waterfalls, fern canyons, and flower-filled meadows. On one of these tramps, Muir showed him a waterfall, and said, "You've got nothing like that in your park, John." McLaren replied, "No, but we will have." This led to McLaren constructing Huntington Falls, one of his greatest achievements in Golden Gate Park.

McLaren was a human dynamo, and he expected everyone else to be the same. He had high work-standards and ruthlessly demanded their observance. And yet, he was also a man of great humanity. If a breadwinner fell sick, he would hire another member of the family to take his place.

Up each day at the crack of dawn, he would be in his office at seven. He spent as much time outside as possible. McLaren was a specialist in many areas, as an arborist, horticulturist, botanist, landscaper, biologist, and

fertilizer expert!

He was a strong-willed, independent-minded man, never afraid of influential politicians.

Once he fought the San Francisco Municipal Railway when it was planning a streetcar line through the Park. At a key meeting, he protested, "You'll ruin the trees, and that's where the rhododendrons are." The truth was, there were no rhododendrons. When it was agreed that the railway planners would inspect the site the next day, McLaren had his gardeners planting rhododendrons all through the night. The next morning, the railway team found a resplendent field of color and abandoned their streetcar plans.

When his police chief sought to remove an oak tree close to the park police station, McLaren responded, "I'm a reasonable man; let's compromise. You can move the station."

Once McLaren had seen his first *Sequoia sempervirens*, the giant redwoods that can live for two thousand years, he began to plant redwood seeds, citing his father's advice: "Me boy, if ye have nothing to do, go plant a tree and it'll grow while ye sleep."

When McLaren reached the mandatory retirement age of 70, San Francisco's citizens protested with such force and devotion, that the City hired him to remain superintendent as long as he lived, and they doubled his salary for life.

The City also allowed him to take on outside landscaping contracts in partnership with his son Don, which is what brought them to Ashland, Oregon in 1914 and 1915.

John and Don McLaren were hired by the Ashland Parks Commission, whose charter dates back to 1908, to design and begin landscaping Ashland's newly created Lithia Park. Starting with the area between the Plaza and the tennis court, they added park facilities, including the picnic areas, duck ponds, gazebos, Japanese Garden, Tea House, and fountain, amidst the natural features of Ashland Creek canyon with its granite boulders and native vegetation. They also planted hundreds of trees and plants, including 700 pines, firs, and cedars plus 15,000 ferns.

Today we are the benefactors of the McLaren vision and legacy of towering trees over one hundred years old. Especially notable are the two Giant Sequoias, the two Coast Redwoods, the immense Incense Cedar, and the grove of 12 Douglas Firs that form a promenade between the Sycamore Grove and the Japanese Garden.

This 1915 photo from S. Oregon Historical Society shows the new planting bed with Douglas fir seedlings. John and Don McLaren enlisted local Boy Scouts to help plant the firs.

Paths and footbridges were built, plus a curved parkway that became Winburn Way, all based on the McLaren Plan (shown in John Enders' book, *Lithia Park, the Heart and Soul of Ashland*).

In 1916, Ashland only had 5,000 people, but Lithia Park's official dedication drew 30,000 visitors on the Fourth of July that year. Dignitaries on special trains came from Portland and San Francisco. According to Marjorie O'Harra's 1986 book, *Lithia Park*, "Every available bed, spare room, and hayloft in town was used, plus open ground and the auto camp in the Park.

After the John and Don McLaren's two-year effort, elements of the McLaren Plan continued to be implemented for many years, forming the backbone of today's park.

John McLaren lived to be ninety-seven, working almost to the day of his death. When he passed away at his home in the Park Lodge, his grove of redwoods stood thirty feet tall. He was credited with planting more than two million trees during his long, productive life, more than twice as many as the goal he set at age 20.

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JOHN MCLAREN & LITHIA PARK

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JOHN MCLAREN'S CENTURY-OLD LEGACY OF TREES



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Tuesday, May 14, 2019 at 7 p.m.

Headwaters Environmental Center
4th and C Streets
Ashland, Oregon





*A tree is beautiful, but what's more, it has a right to life;
like water, the sun, and the stars — it is essential.*

Anton Chekov



Photo by Cici Brown

The Lithia Park century-old Douglas fir tree grove. Friends of Lithia Park is working with the community to designate them as Heritage Trees.



FRIENDS OF LITHIA PARK



A LASTING VISION

Welcome & Introduction

Julie Norman

John McLaren (1846 -1943) | Lithia Park and Heritage Trees

Legacy Of Trees: John McLaren's Gift To Ashland

A film by Larry Cooper

Aerial film tour of Lithia Park's 100-year old Douglas Fir Grove. A tribute to award-winning park designer and superintendent of Golden Gate Park, John McLaren, who created and implemented Lithia Park's original landscaping plan in 1914 and 1915.

Original music and guitar by Bryan Holley

How trees secretly talk to each other in the forest

A film courtesy of National Geographic

The Hidden Life of Trees | A Brief Scientific Talk

Bryan Holley

Simple Gifts — A Song for Lithia Park

A film by Cici and Mark Brown

Filmed in 2006, local young musicians bring life to the Sycamore Grove and McLaren's legacy, playing the sweet sounds of the old Shaker hymn *Simple Gifts*, which the beautiful space we call Lithia Park offers us. John McLaren originally intended the Sycamore Grove to be the location of a music concourse.

Instruments played by the Sycamore Youth Players | Guitar by Bryan Holley

Discussion

Learn more at: tinyurl.com/firgrove

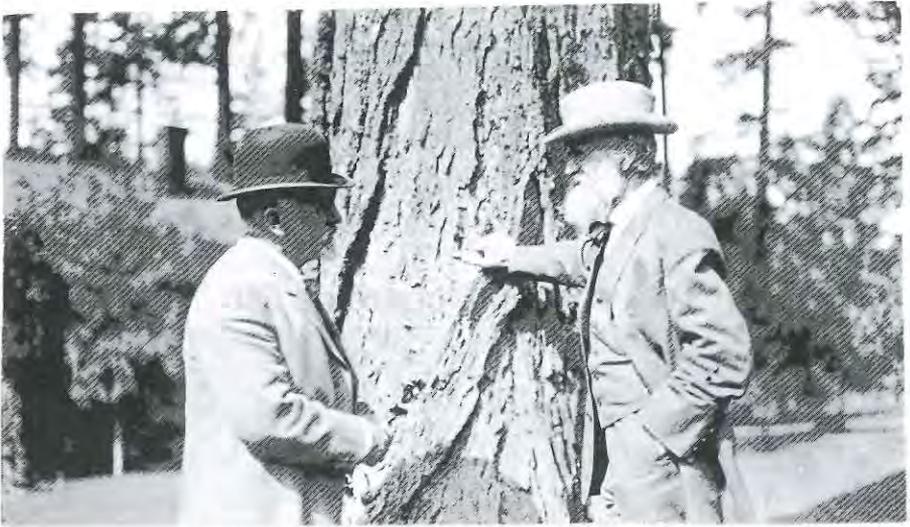


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Two American environmental icons, John McLaren (left) and John Muir discuss their love of trees near McCloud National Forest in northern California.

John McLaren was said to have been responsible for the planting of over two million trees.



The tree which moves some to tears of joy is in the eyes of others only a green thing that stands in the way.

William Blake



City of Ashland
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION (APRC)
ASHLAND SENIOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE (ASAC)
Meeting Minutes
May 6, 2019

Committee Members Present:

- Anne Bellegia
- Rob Casserly
- Mike Gardiner
- Mike Hersh
- Mary Russell-Miller
- Stef Seffinger
- Sandy Theis, Chair

Staff Members Present:

- Michael Black
- Isleen Glatt
- Natalie Mettler

CALL TO ORDER:

This is called the meeting to order at 3:30pm at Ashland Senior Center, 1699 Homes Ave in Ashland.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Gardiner/Russell-Miller m/s to approve the minutes of April 8, 2019. Voice vote – ALL AYES. Motion passed.

ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO AGENDA:

None.

PUBLIC INPUT:

None.

PRESENTATION: AARP AGE-FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES (Liz James, AARP Volunteer Leader, & Connie Saldaña, RVCOG SDS Planner):

Liz James, the AARP volunteer spearheading Talent's Age-Friendly Communities initiative, stated that the on-the-ground infrastructure for AARP programs is run by volunteers. James has a personal interest in advocacy, housing and transportation, which she is now applying to her AARP work with the Network of Age-Friendly Communities (NAFC). Referring to the one-page summary about NAFC (included in the meeting packet) and her presentation agenda (see attached), she stressed the benefits to municipalities of joining NAFC: the added recognition and visibility of membership can increase funding opportunities and attract new residents as well as tourists. She stated that NAFC provides a critical framework, resources and tools for communities to become age-friendly. There are currently six municipalities in the state that are part of NAFC; AARP's goal is for Oregon to become an age-friendly state.

Bellegia asked about potential downsides of joining NAFC, such as financial costs. James said that there aren't any costs, and she doesn't see downsides. She walked through the NAFC Program Cycle (included in the meeting packet) for ASAC to better understand the steps a municipality needs to take to become age-friendly. Bellegia asked ASAC if they would commit to shepherd this process for the City of Ashland, as James said ASAC is an ideal point of NAFC ownership for Ashland. Theis said ASAC would need time for discussion after this presentation before deciding their role in NAFC membership for Ashland. This decision will be an agenda item at the next ASAC meeting.

Hersh expressed concern about making Ashland an Age-Friendly Community since the hills in town mean that different neighborhoods will have varying needs. He feels that the City tends to prioritize lower-lying areas and not focus on municipal services, such as public transportation and street maintenance, for those living above 2500 feet within city limits. James responded that the NAFC program has the mechanisms to address such diverse needs and is all-inclusive for all communities.

James identified AARP's Livability Index (<https://livabilityindex.aarp.org/>) as a useful web-based tool for assessing a community's rating in seven key categories (Housing, Neighborhood, Transportation, Environment, Health, Engagement, Opportunity). Ashland is rated 54 out of 100 (Talent is 56 and Medford is 53). Ashland's highest score is 69 for Health (69) and lowest is 45 for Neighborhood. She noted that this index demonstrates that Ashland is already well on its way to becoming an age-friendly community, noted some steps already taken by the City in that direction. Other aspects of Ashland align with NAFC guidelines, such as: the Senior Services Division and its variety of programs, the availability of senior housing, the Asante Community Hospital, curb cuts in ramps, and the breadth of local cultural and social offerings.

A crucial component of NAFC is lifelong housing. Connie Saldaña summarized the history and main elements of the Rogue Valley Council of Governments (RVCOG) Lifelong Housing Certification program, noting that lifelong housing is beneficial for everyone in the community, not just seniors. Such homes are more convenient and attractive than institutional options for older adults, and the age-friendly features are valuable for all age groups. Saldaña reviewed the Lifelong Housing Certification Checklist and flyer included in the meeting packet. She noted that the challenge is to convince builders that building such certified homes is also in their financial interest, and she named some area companies that have already adopted the Checklist guidelines. This is program that was recently honored with an Aging Innovation Award by the National Area Agencies on Aging, and its terminology has been adopted by the Multiple Listing Service used by realtors nationally. Saldaña's goal is to continue to raise awareness about this program and have it become the national standard for home-building. She has already worked with Linda Reid, the Housing Program Specialist with the City of Ashland, to get Lifelong Housing Certification named as a Value by the City; it is now included in the City's Comprehensive and Consolidated Plans.

Gardiner asked who decided for Talent to join NAFC, and how quickly that decision was made. James responded that the Talent City Council and Mayor made the decision and moved quickly. She will provide a sample NAFC application and Mayor's letter for ASAC. Russell-Miller asked if ASAC is the right place for this process to start. Gardiner replied that more research is needed to determine if it would fall under the Senior Services Division, in which case it would be under the Parks Commission umbrella, and they would make the recommendation to the City Council to join NAFC. Seffinger reported that she already spoke with the Mayor and City Council about Ashland becoming an Age-Friendly Community a couple of years ago, and the Mayor was supportive. Bellegia volunteered to help drafting the application and letter. Theis advised ASAC to retain a strong role in promoting Ashland joining NAFC; ASAC needs to remain engaged and invested in this process, not just push it off on the City Council. Seffinger cautioned against waiting too long to begin this process, noting that the City's Housing Strategy Implementation Plan was being presented that evening. This is another opportunity for ASAC to represent seniors needs, as they are already doing with various allies such as Seffinger as Council liaison to the Planning Commission and Katharine Danner as an appointed member on the Transportation Commission.

PROPOSAL FOR QUARTERLY LISTENING CIRCLE:

Theis reported that she had a phone conversation a couple of months ago with a member of the public who continues to be dissatisfied with the changes at the Senior Center in the last two years. She asked that SSD bring back listening circles that took place in the past. Glatt shared that she had followed up with this patron, who said her interest was in listening sessions modeled like those held by the Ashland Senior Program Ad Hoc Committee (ASPAC) in 2017-2018. Glatt believes such sessions could help patrons feel more comfortable with ongoing changes. She and Mettler had held a spontaneous and productive listening session with lunch patrons about the scheduling changes affecting the Repair SO sewing repair program; that session seemed effective to hear concerns, dispel rumors, and answer questions.

Theis and Glatt suggested that ASAC members rotate to partner with Glatt in holding such listening sessions, perhaps quarterly. Gardiner suggested running a trial session first, and to try a different model if the public is not responsive to the format Glatt proposed. Gardiner said that APRC Listening Sessions are usually dedicated to a particular subject, but what Glatt is proposing could be more open, such as general issues related to seniors. Theis recommended having items of interest to discuss in case the public doesn't bring their own issues. Bellegia echoed Gardiner in cautioning against committing, at this time, to holding such Listening Sessions quarterly. Theis proposed starting with a trial session to be held by her and Glatt.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Public Awareness (Russell-Miller, convener)

Russell-Miller summarized subcommittee progress on public awareness. (See attached report.)

The subcommittee met and is expecting Russell-Miller's student intern to submit drafts of a brochure and marketing plan for the SSD by May 20, 2019. Hersh will post event flyers at key locations around Ashland. Russell-Miller asked how and where the Senior News newsletter is distributed. Mettler answered that it is sent out to subscribers in print and email form, posted on the APRC Facebook page, and will be available in print form at the following locations: the Chamber of Commerce, the Grove, the library, and soon at the YMCA. Hersh asked if SSD staff has connected with the Chamber greeters, and whether they have those emails for their distribution list. Glatt responded that it would be helpful for the Public Awareness subcommittee to collect such emails for SSD staff to use; she is also cultivating more professional contacts with whom to share SSD promotional materials.

B. Advocacy (Bellegia, convener)

Bellegia reported that the committee had not met this month. This reported that she and Glatt attended the Rogue Valley Transportation District (RVT) Statewide Transportation Improvement Fund Advisory Committee (STIFAC) meeting on April 11, 2019, where they advocated for two of the projects which would improve public transportation access for Ashland seniors. On May 7, 2019, they will attend the City Council Business Meeting to read the ASAC thank you letter for the City's naming of "All-Age Friendly Community" as one of the twelve Values in their Goals process; This will read the letter during the Mayor's Announcements and mention ASAC's educating themselves on the issue today.

C. Education Programs (Mettler, staff)

Mettler summarized staff progress on Education Programming. (See attached report.) Casserly informed ASAC that Jami Hanna, the new Active Older Adult Programs Coordinator at the Ashland YMCA, is working on developing their education programming for seniors. The YMCA has significant assets, membership and revenue to support such programming. Casserly is helping them ensure a successful launch with these programs, and he recommended the SSD also provide directional assistance. Such collaboration promises benefits for the local senior community, as a rising tide raises all boats. Glatt noted that SSD staff will be meeting with Hanna later in the month.

STANDING REPORTS:

A. APRC update, if any pertaining to seniors

None.

B. City Council update, if any pertaining to seniors

Seffinger recommended ASAC send a member or representative to the May 7, 2019 City Council Business Meeting, at which the "Revitalize Downtown Ashland" Transportation and Growth Management (TGM) project will be discussed, and appointments made to the Citizen and Technical Advisory Committees. Seffinger stated that there needs to be an advocate for seniors on at least the Citizen Advisory Committee.

Unfortunately, no one from ASAC was available to attend, nor did anyone have suggestions for other advocates.

C. SSD Superintendent report

Due to lack of remaining time, Glatt directed ASAC to review the report she included in the meeting packet.

ITEMS FROM ASAC MEMBERS:

Cassery won't be able to attend the June 10th meeting. Theis won't be able to attend the July 8th ASAC meeting; ASAC will decide at the June meeting whether to cancel the July meeting or ask Vice Chair Hersh to chair.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:04 pm.

Next meeting: June 10, 3:30-5pm, Ashland Senior Center, 1699 Homes Avenue

Respectfully submitted,

Natalie Mettler, Senior & Adult Services Coordinator
Ashland Parks and Recreation Commission

These minutes are not a verbatim record. The narrative has been condensed and paraphrased at times to reflect the material presented, discussions, and decisions made. APRC ASAC Meetings are digitally recorded; the recordings are available upon request.

City of Ashland
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
Pool ad-Hoc Subcommittee Meeting Minutes
May 1, 2019

ATTENDEES

Present: Ad-Hoc Committee Matt Miller (Chair), Rebecca Kay, Risa Buck, Jocelyn Sanford, Marc Heller, Commissioners Gardiner and Landt; School District Liaison Todd Lantry; Senior Services Superintendent Glatt; Senior Services Liaison Bachman; Director Black; Gary Simms: Recreation Manager Flora, Parks Superintendent Oxendine.

Absent: Recreation Superintendent Dials; Mike Hitsky

I. CALL TO ORDER

Matt Miller called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m. at the Ashland Senior Center, 1699 Homes Ave.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – It was asked if there were any corrections to the April 3, 2019 minutes and there were two corrections.

Motion: A motion was made for approval of the minutes.

Matt Miller moved / Risa Buck seconded approval of the minutes.

Vote: All Yes

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AND GUEST SPEAKERS

Two participants and no speakers

IV. ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

None

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Needs Assessment / Outreach Subcommittee Report

i. Needs Assessment Results (Flora)

Lonny reported back with survey results. Raw data shows the needs from the community for the Daniel Meyer Pool. The numbers are strictly from the random sample survey sent out to voters in Ashland. 232 random responses out of 2,500 came back.

Results for the following questions are included

1) What swimming pools have you used in the Rogue Valley.

The YMCA received the most responses for use followed by the Daniel Meyer Pool and Jackson Well-springs.

2) Please describe your household's current use of swimming pools throughout the RV.

Graphical information was provided to show the frequency of specific uses at pools throughout the area.

3) Please describe how well your household's needs are being met by swimming pools throughout the RV.

Graphical was provided to show how well needs were met for specific uses at area pools.

- 4) Please describe your household's usage of the Daniel Meyer Memorial Pool during the summer months.
Graphical information was provided to illustrate the amount of usage for each type of use for Daniel Meyer Pool
- 5) Please describe how well your household's needs are being met by the Daniel Meyer Memorial Pool.
Graphical information was provided to illustrate how well needs were met for each type of use at Daniel Meyer Pool
- 6) How likely would members of your household use a public aquatic facility that is open year-round?
A chart illustrated potential use for an aquatic facility open year-round
- 7) Would your household support a general obligation bond to support aquatic facilities in Ashland
A chart illustrated the level of support for a bond initiative for aquatics improvements in Ashland

The data suggests that the aquatics community has needs that are not being met in the area including recreational, lap and senior swimming programs, and aquatic fitness. .

Commissioner Gardiner inquired about how the results were tallied if a survey question was left blank. Flora responded that any unanswered questions were entered as a "no comment" or "no response." Each type of use specified within each question would then have 232 total responses. Director Black stated that percentages would be an appropriate measurement for interpreting the data as well as total responses for each data set.

Gardiner asked Flora what type of information does he see from the results. Flora responded that data compiled from both listening sessions and needs assessment show strong support for a year – round, multiple use facility in Ashland. Flora stated that a comprehensive report for listening sessions and needs assessment results would be provided to committee members at a future date to help guide the process for providing recommendations.

b. Site Planning and Design Subcommittee Report (Black)

Black reported they have been looking at all the criteria needed and believes it will lead to the specific site location. The only conflict APRC is facing right now is budget. Anderson Pool delivered the results of the inspection and starting from scratch with a brand new pool or expansion of the existing site would cost almost the same amount of money

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Discuss Recommendations Framework (Kay)

Black explained the steps that are needed for that process. 1) Determine the needs. 2) Determine the plan to meet the needs. 3) make recommendation to find source or sources to meet the need and plan. Operations cost will be discussed in the third step.

VII. UPCOMING MEETING DATE

The next meeting date was set for June 5, 2019, 3:30 p.m., Senior Center, 1699 Homes Ave.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Haley Fasnacht, Recreation Assistant
Ashland Parks and Recreation Commission

City of Ashland
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
Current Parks, Conservation, and Maintenance
Subcommittee Minutes
March 5, 2019 (Inaugural)

ATTENDEES

Present: Parks Superintendent Oxendine; Commissioners Lewis (Chair) and Bell; Park Tech II Godard

Absent: All Present

I. CALL TO ORDER

Jim Lewis called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. at the APCR Admin Building, 340 S. Pioneer

II. INTRODUCTION

a. Current and Future Subcommittee makeup – (Oxendine)

Oxendine stated that this is the first Current Parks, Conservation and Maintenance subcommittee meeting. Oxendine asked whether he was to chair the meeting or one of the Commissioners was to Chair the meeting. Lewis stated a Commissioner usually Chairs and he volunteered to be the Chair for this Subcommittee. Oxendine discussed potential local members joining the Subcommittee or asking them to attend the meetings on occasion. Lewis said the group was not meant to be larger than it currently is. After much discussion it was decided by all to keep the group small but to keep the potential local members in the loop. It was also decided to invite specific people to specific meetings to help get the message out and give reports.

b. Mission and Vision of subcommittee – (Oxendine)

Lewis said the Conservation Commission and Sustainability group are key to what the subcommittee is about and they should be kept in the loop. Lewis said that conservation and maintenance is an area where carbon reduction can be done. Bell said the subcommittee is mostly about managing the Parks and Recreation resources. Oxendine said it is the subcommittee's job to go back to the Commission and present Conservation initiatives that align with the City's plans and involve Dorinda Cottle so that she can get the word out to the community.

c. Areas of purview – (Oxendine)

Oxendine went over a list of areas to be covered by the Subcommittee which he handed out to all present. Lewis said consuming is where the focus needs to be. Lewis spoke about being aware of purchases of cleaning materials, leaf blowers and having discussions before making purchases. Oxendine talked about purchasing fertilizer in totes instead of bags and going to a bio-oil versus synthetic oil. It was discussed moving towards organic fertilizer, bee gardens, solar power, zero waste, etc. Lewis said that consuming is something that they want to work on. Oxendine mentioned that he is working with Paula Brown, City Public Works Director about getting an area for a composting operation for APCR.

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AND GUEST SPEAKERS

None

IV. ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

None

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Signs, Plaques, and Memorials Business

i. Unfinished Business

1. Parks standards and Memorial standards

Oxendine stated that they currently can't maintain the Parks at the high level they should be kept at as there are so many projects but little talk about how they will be maintained. Lewis agreed that this was something that APRC had to work on. Oxendine stated that he wanted to move the parks towards more pollinator gardens, organic fertilizers and more sustainable initiatives for the maintenance side. Oxendine said that Parks is going to attempt to move toward benches that have a 50 to 100-year life span, setting standards so that all drinking fountains are the same and the fountains are timeless. Bell asked about switching to all TID water and if it is a capital investment. Lewis said there is a lot of infrastructure involvement that would require a lot of maintenance. Godard handed out informational packets for the Subcommittee to review and discuss at the next meeting.

2. Review and Suggest Updates to Signs, Plaques & Memorials Policy

Oxendine said that he wanted to suggest putting a moratorium on Memorials in Lithia Park, mainly benches and picnic tables temporarily. Oxendine suggested making a list of Memorials and when Parks is approached about a Memorial for an individual they can be given a map and a list of the needed Memorials along with the cost. Oxendine suggested following park standards that all benches that go in be timeless and maintenance free and are also mounted on a concrete or permanent pad. Oxendine said at the end of the ten years the plaque comes off and the bench comes out and gets cleaned up and bolted back on the same pad. Oxendine said he wants to go with Godard and map out where picnic tables and benches are actually needed. Oxendine suggested that the Signs, Plaques and Memorials Subcommittee should come up with a dollar figure that if in excess of a certain amount it goes directly to the Ashland Parks Foundation or through Director Black. Oxendine said that he would throw a number of \$10k to \$20K for the amount. Bell asked if Oxendine was going to write Signs, Plaques & Memorials policy description which includes a menu of different items if you were going to buy or have a memorial plaque, a wall to place the plaque after ten years and write the guidelines for how larger donations are to be applied and the involvement that APRC will have in the decision making process. Bell asked if Oxendine would have that together for the next meeting and Oxendine said that he would. Bell asked Oxendine about expanding pollinator habitat. Oxendine said that he will draft a policy for this Commission to review, approve or change and then propose it to the Parks Commission to adopt it.

3. Current "Limited Needs" List – How this fits with Parks Standards

Oxendine spoke about bigger donors for walkways, bridges, Triangle Park Gazebo, Garden Way picnic shelter and other areas where donations are needed. Lewis said that maybe it would be better to shift some of the mentioned items to the Ashland Parks Foundation as some of the items mentioned were big cost issues. Oxendine said that he and Godard could attach figures to the items mentioned and

give it to the Ashland Parks Foundation. Lewis said that Oxendine's suggestions were all good ideas for giving people direction.

4. Hunter Parks Memorial Request in Honor of Michael Morehead

Oxendine brought up having the Michael Morehead plaque placed at the Daniel Meyers Pool. Lewis said that he would present it to the Commission.

5. IPM Logo and Sign

Oxendine said that the language on the IPM Sign cannot say that APRC is pesticide free. Oxendine said that the language needs to be improved for the logo and sign. Oxendine said that he spoke with Godard about eliminating different logos and just using the APRC Logo or rebranding to something different. Topic to be further discussed at the next meeting on April 2, 2019.

6. Ten Year lifespan on Memorials

Oxendine suggested revisiting the Ten-year lifespan on Memorials. Oxendine said it is not a policy yet and in the last minutes it was going to be taken to the Commissioners and that hasn't happened. Oxendine spoke of a Memorial wall/retaining wall where one may be needed in the park. Oxendine suggested that you put up a retaining wall and then the individual is given ten years on their memorial. Oxendine said that at the end of the ten years the plaque is then placed on the Memorial wall. The Memorial is then reinvigorated and it is sold to the next person and placed back in the same place. Lewis said there was talk of a Memorial wall in the Master Plan. Bell said that Oxendine's suggestion was a great idea. Lewis also agreed that it was a good idea. Oxendine stated that he can bring it before the Commissioners regarding the ten-year lifespan.

7. Requirement for Memorial request to wait one year (cooling off period)

Lewis said the one year cooling off period was a good idea as there are a lot of emotions in that first year. Oxendine said that he agreed with the one year cooling off period. Goddard agreed and said that an individual's desires and wants change in the one year. Oxendine said that he could present to the Commissioners about the one year cooling off period. Bell asked why staff felt that the one year cooling off period was a good idea. Goddard said that an individual is given a year and staff works with them and presents options for their memorial and together they come up with a resolution for what is best for them and Parks.

8. Historical database of memorials and GIS map guided walk

Topic to be discussed at the next meeting on April 2, 2019.

9. Sponsorship or larger project and renovations

Topic to be discussed at the next meeting on April 2, 2019.

ii. New Business

1. Terry Doyle – Lithia Park Memorial from study session

Oxendine said that the full Commission had sent Terry Doyle to the Arts Commission regarding his memorial going into the parks. Oxendine asked if it was going to be a Memorial. Lewis said that Doyle stated that it wasn't going to have anyone's name on it so it can be Art in the Park. Lewis said it's a matter of placement and whether Doyle does go to the Arts Commission and a recommendation is made to the Commission. Bell said unless Doyle specifically puts a name on the memorial then it is considered art.

VII. SET NEXT MEETING DATE/TIME/PLACE

It was decided by all present to meet once a month versus quarterly. The next meeting date was set for April 2, 2019, 2:00 p.m., APCR Admin Building, 340 S. Pioneer.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anna Wysocki, Temp Office Assistant
Ashland Parks and Recreation Commission

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IMPORTANT: Any citizen attending a commission meeting may speak on any item on the agenda. If you wish to speak, please fill out the Speaker Request form located near the entrance to meeting room. The Chair will recognize you and inform you as to the amount of time allotted to you. The time granted will be dependent to some extent on the nature of the item under discussion, the number of people who wish to be heard, and the length of the agenda.



MINUTES FOR BEE CITY USA - ASHLAND MEETING

March 13, 2019
North Mountain Park Nature Center
620 North Mountain Ave.
3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve Minutes from previous meeting
2. Review Action Items from previous meeting
 - Libby to change agenda to minutes on the notes
 - Libby to change the logo on the top of the minutes

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

1. Open Forum
2. Guests:
 - Kayla Bondoc, SOU Sustainability Center. Director of Sustainability and Civic Engagement Responsible for the lovely rack card.
 - Karla C, Banyan Botanicals

IV. ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Review Rack card for approval and printing (attached) – Kristina
 - Everyone get back to Kristina if there are any edits to the card in the next two days.
 - Kristina will investigate Student Publicity Center at SOU, Stevenson Union, and work to get rack cards printed.Southern Oregon Printing costs \$141 for 250 cards.
2. Discuss 2019 Tour – all
 - This year, we will have businesses involved in the garden tour. Carolyn and Kristina attended “Greeters” and explained the tour and new business element.
 - We have an article mentioned in the Chamber of commerce newsletter.
 - All members should connect with the local business owners we know, and encourage them to participate.
 - The expected printing cost is \$3.35 for a 12 page garden tour booklet.

We will investigate the cost of printing through the SOU student publicity center.
Booklet will be printed in the last week of May, and available to the public beginning in June.

Carolyn will receive garden descriptions and pictures, and will draft a Word document of the booklet content.

Nancy will do an edit/review of the content, and Kristina will do one round of edits.

Libby will pull the booklet together in Publisher layout.

We should try to get an article in the Tidings, highlighting the two days and the businesses.

3. Grove Garden update – Nancy

Still in winter hibernation.

Parks crews did a big delivery of chips, but they covered all our plants.

Nancy will put fish emulsion on the plants, using some fertilizer we have at NMP.

Some of the spray heads are too low, and some don't have the right pattern.

Libby will set up a meeting with Wes, Hanns, Albert and Kristina, to discuss problem irrigation heads at the Grove Garden.

Libby will ask when they are going to turn on the irrigation.

Decided to remove signage from the Grove garden for now, until it is more established.

Nancy will remove the corrugated board sign.

Kristina proposes that we attend a Parks and Rec Sign Committee meeting to discuss options for signage at the Grove.

A 10'x2.5' aluminum sign would be around \$250 to produce.

4. Riverwalk Garden update – Carolyn

The homeowners are going to make donations to the Foundation, and deliver any donations to North Mountain Park.

Carolyn is going to sketch out a garden plan and share with the committee and with local nurseries.

Carolyn will share the plant list with Shooting Star Nursery to see if they have suggestions about the availability.

The sub-committee will request a grant from the Ashland Parks Foundation, during the next grant cycle. Deadline May 1.

When we take the plastic off the center planting area, we could cardboard and topsoil the area in the late summer and then plant part of it in Fall.

Backyard organics is a potential source for top soil, and they have an approved pollinator garden, so they might be interested in working with us.

Hilton is also a source of local soil.

5. Status of new park on south side – Joel

This item is on hold, because Joel was not at this meeting.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

6. Budget items – Libby

The expense budget has \$173.04 remaining, which needs to be spent by June 30, 2019.

The Foundation still has \$554.85 available.

7. BCU Recertification / Annual Dues – Libby

We are planning to pay \$100 in dues this year.

Kristina will send Libby an invoice for the \$100 renewal fee.

The subcommittee would like to advocate for an additional \$200 set aside in the expense budget to cover a \$200 renewal payment starting 2020.

Libby will try to get a meeting together to get the committee members an audience with Michael Black to ask for an increase in the budget for the next biennium.

8. Review and update 2019 Calendar (attached) – Kristina

Nancy and Albert are going to table at next weekend's Seed Swap

Need to have a weeding party at the Grove garden, which Nancy will check on and schedule.

9. Proposal: Send excerpt of my letter re KDA homes to APRC & City Council - Kristina (attached)

Kristina and Carolyn will talk to City Councilors and member of the Planning Commission about how we might incentivize pollinator friendly development.

First, Kristina will put together a simple proposal, just a few sentences, about this goal to incentivize pollinator friendly development.

Libby will share this proposal with the commissioners so that they aware that we are pursuing a dialog with the Planning Commission and City Council.

10. Proposal: Review Ashland's Master Planning documents, per BCU annual report – Kristina
Every year on the Annual Report, Bee City USA asks whether we have included the Bee City USA in the master planning documents.

As a City, are we incentivizing new developments to include pollinator habitat? If we want to develop this idea we would have to go to City Council.

Kristina will ask Phyllis Styles what is meant by the questions about Master Planning Documents in the BCU Annual Report.

VII. OTHER ITEMS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

VIII. UPCOMING MEETING DATES

Wednesday June 12th 3:00pm

ACTION ITEMS

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PARKS COMMISSIONER STAFF REPORT

TO: Ashland Parks and Recreation Commissioners

FROM: Michael Black

DATE: 6/19/2019

SUBJECT: Art in the Park Request from Terry Doyle

Background

Terry Doyle (the “Sponsor”) made a presentation and request to the APRC at the Study Session held on February 11, 2018 to install a Chiyemi Bronze Lantern in Lithia Park as a memorial to his late wife. The Commission recommended the project be presented to the Public Arts Commission since the sculpture would not include a memorial plaque.

At the Public Arts Commission meeting on April 19, 2019 the Public Arts Commission approved the design and voted to recommend the construction and installation of the sculpture at the proposed location in Lithia Park pending a site visit by the Park Commission.

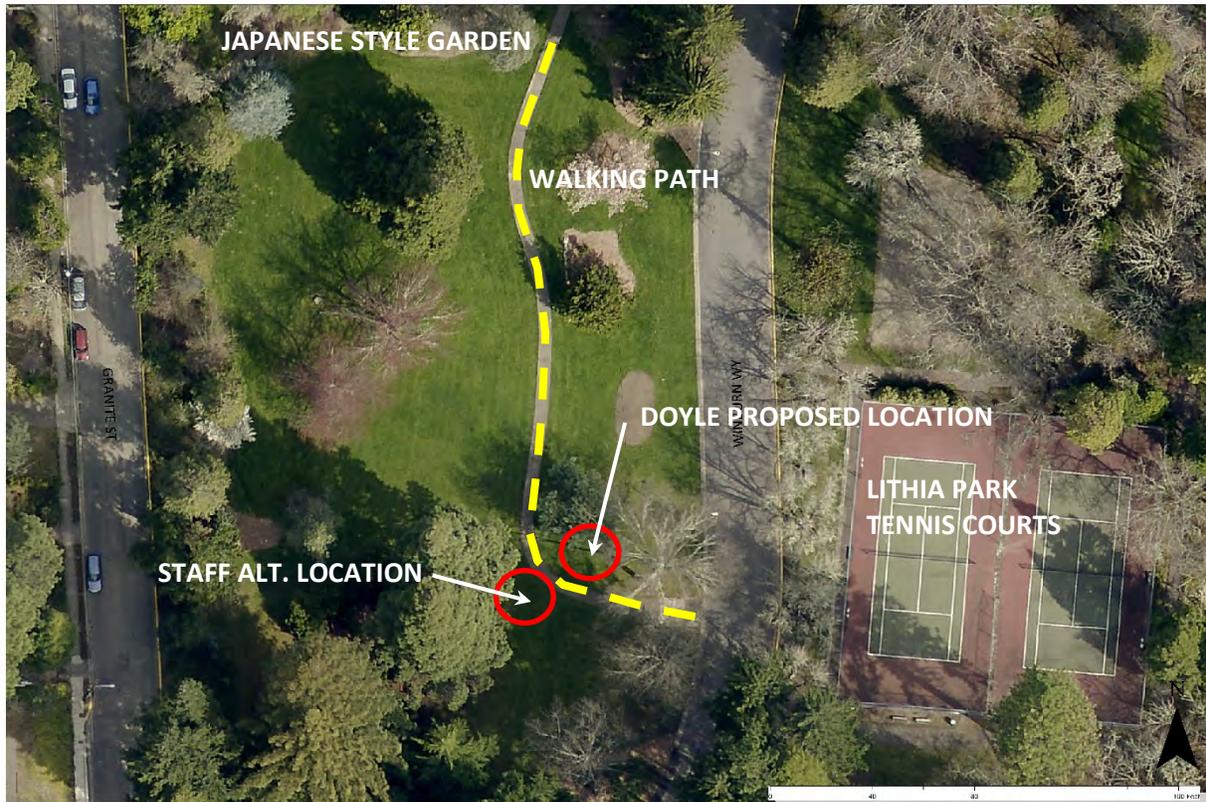
The Public Arts Commission held a site visit on May 14, 2019. All Park Commissioners were invited to attend. A second meeting was held at the site on June 4, 2019; two Park Commissioners were in attendance.

Analysis

The bronze lantern, as represented by Mr. Doyle, is a fairly large piece of art that stands about 5 feet tall and is nearly 2.5 feet wide – a depiction of the design for the lantern is shown here.



At the on-site meeting that took place on June 4th. The Commissioners reviewed a mock-up of the lantern and the potential location as proposed by Mr. Doyle. A map, showing the location that was proposed by the applicant and a second location that parks staff would like to propose as an alternative is seen below.



The reasoning for the alternative location proposal is to place the artwork outside the drip line of existing trees and farther away from our irrigation mainline. This will make it easier to complete future tree maintenance.

Since the proposed lantern is a piece of art, it will not have any writing on its surface other than traditional Japanese symbols. There will not be a plaque on the piece.

There are several pieces of art in, and around, the parks system. In some cases, APRC, or the City, will identify a location for art and seek input from artists via a Request for Proposals. In this case, the art is brought to us by a Sponsor who would like to dedicate art in memory of his late wife.

The art is relevant to the proposed location in Lithia Park, with the Japanese Style Garden being located a few hundred feet to the north of the proposed location for the art. The art is also pleasing in appearance and will likely not interfere with any operations of the park, or recreation of the same. Maintenance issues, mainly related to mowing around the art, were discussed at the site visit and staff is satisfied that the art will not interfere with or cause undue maintenance requirements. Additionally, the Sponsor has agreed to discuss the maintenance requirements with staff and create an endowment for the art's maintenance.

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Commissioners approve the proposal for art in the park with the following conditions:

1. That the location will be determined after consultation with the applicant, artist and staff but will be limited to one of the two proposed location on the map;
2. The final design of the art will be consistent with the design presented in this staff report;
3. The sponsor of the art will work with APCR staff to determine the ongoing needs for maintenance of the art, based on the materials used, including the base and determine a reasonable endowment for maintenance from the sponsor;
4. The art will not contain any writing on plaques or the surface other than what has been presented by the Sponsor as traditional Japanese inscriptions;
5. The art shall be placed at least 72 inches off of the walkway for mower clearance and the base be flush to grade of the lawn surface;
6. Installation will be completed prior to July 1, 2021; and,
7. Upon installation, the art will become the property of the Ashland Parks and Recreation Commission.

Attachments: Terry Doyle Presentation

Proposal for Japanese Lantern Memorial* - 4/29/18

Goal: commission, oversee and dedicate a *Tōrō* or stone** lantern in the Lithia Park Japanese garden.

Exact location and general design to be subject to Ashland Parks & Recreation approval.

Artistic design and creation of the lantern to be done by Wataru Sugiyama, long-time local artist, SOU graduate. There are several traditional forms for the Japanese lantern, made both of stone and bronze. Generally the lanterns are placed along paths, next to water and near buildings.



Sonnenberg Garden, NY



Chiyemi

Below are a few images of pedestal bronze lanterns I photographed in Nara, Kyoto and Kamakura. These are somewhat less commonly seen in Japan. The leftmost image shows the oldest extant pedestal lantern in Japan (8th century), which has been designated the rank of national treasure (see my post about Todai-ji temple here <http://lomov.blogspot.com.au/2012/10/todai-ji-nara.html>).

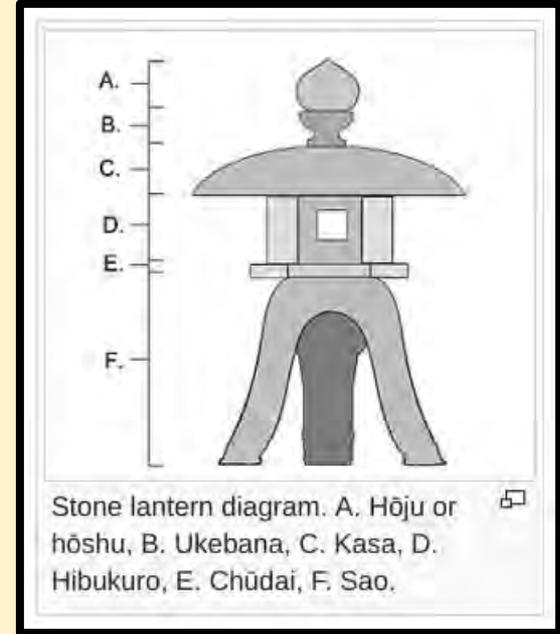


Kasuga-doro



Examples of bronze lanterns from Japan - Nara, Kyoto and Kamakura

Design to be traditional. Japanese lanterns are an element of Japanese gardens along with bridges, paths, trees & plants, water, stone basins, tea houses, etc.



Kasuga Grand Temple - Nara, Japan - Memorial to Fujiwara family

Wataru Sugiyama



1. Graduate of SOU
2. Friend of Chiyemi for nearly 30 years.
3. Successful sculptor and artist in the Rogue Valley for many years.
4. Works are on display in many galleries. Also behind the public library, previously on Guanajuato Way.
5. Subject of OPB's Oregon Art Beat in 2019.





Wataru pouring bronze rhinoceros head

Professional references (local):

Jack Langford 541-292-1790

Kevin Christman, 541-890-1034

Russell Beebe, 541-535-6822



The artist and finished rhino



Lloyd Haines provided the site, Jack Langford (L) did the bronze casting and Jesse Biesanz built the stone base

Jack Langford

Graduate of Medford High School 1975

Graduate University of Southern Maine - BFA Sculpture 1988

Professional sculptor since 1980

Started first foundry in Haifa, Israel

Professional sculptor since 198- and operated foundries in Haifa, Porter, Maine and now Ashland/Talent Oregon for 29 years.

Cast the “We Are Here” statue near the plaza.

Studio & foundry address:
4850 S. Pacific Highway
Phoenix, OR
541-292-1790



 Japanese Garden

 Proposed Lantern

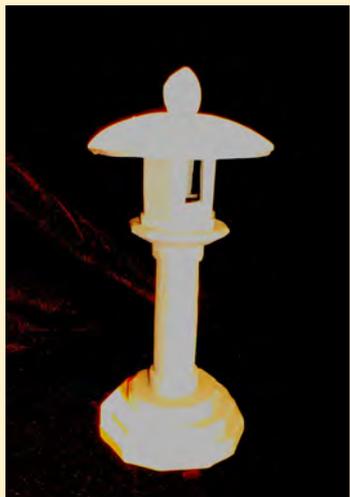




Taken from edge of Japanese Garden



Across from tennis courts



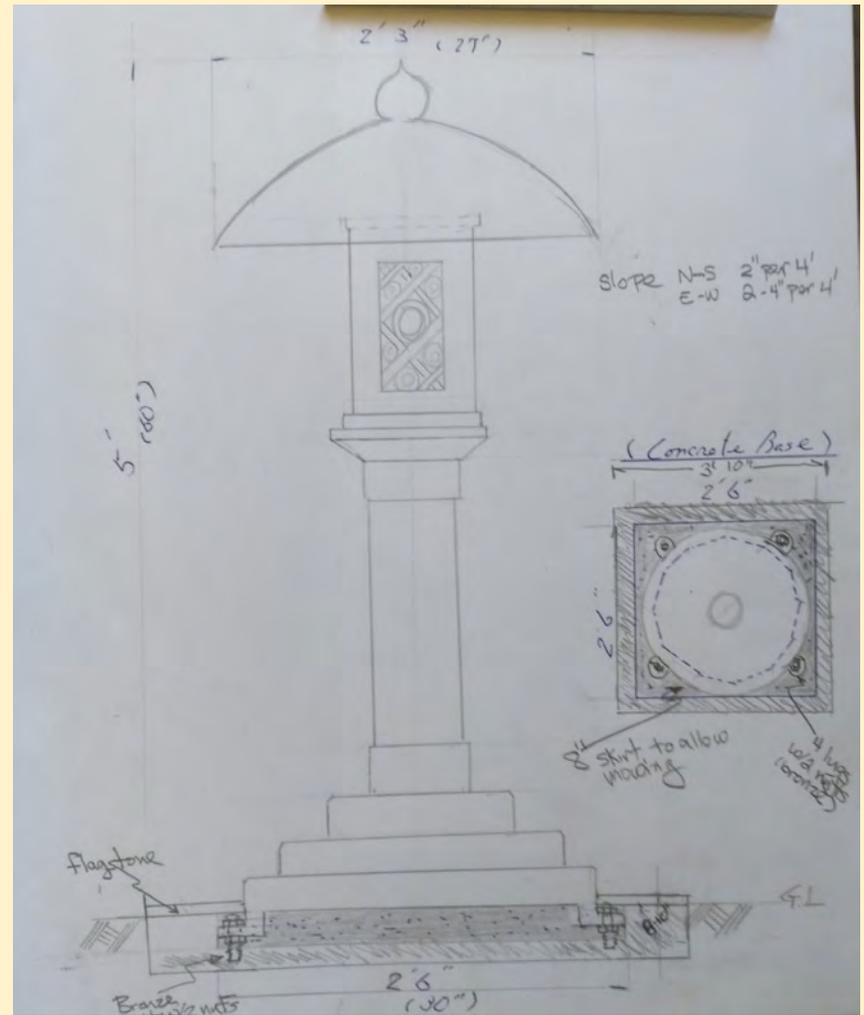
This is the design we selected. It is the more traditional *kasuga-doro* tower form.

Made of bronze and mounted on a cement base, slightly larger than the 27" wide base.

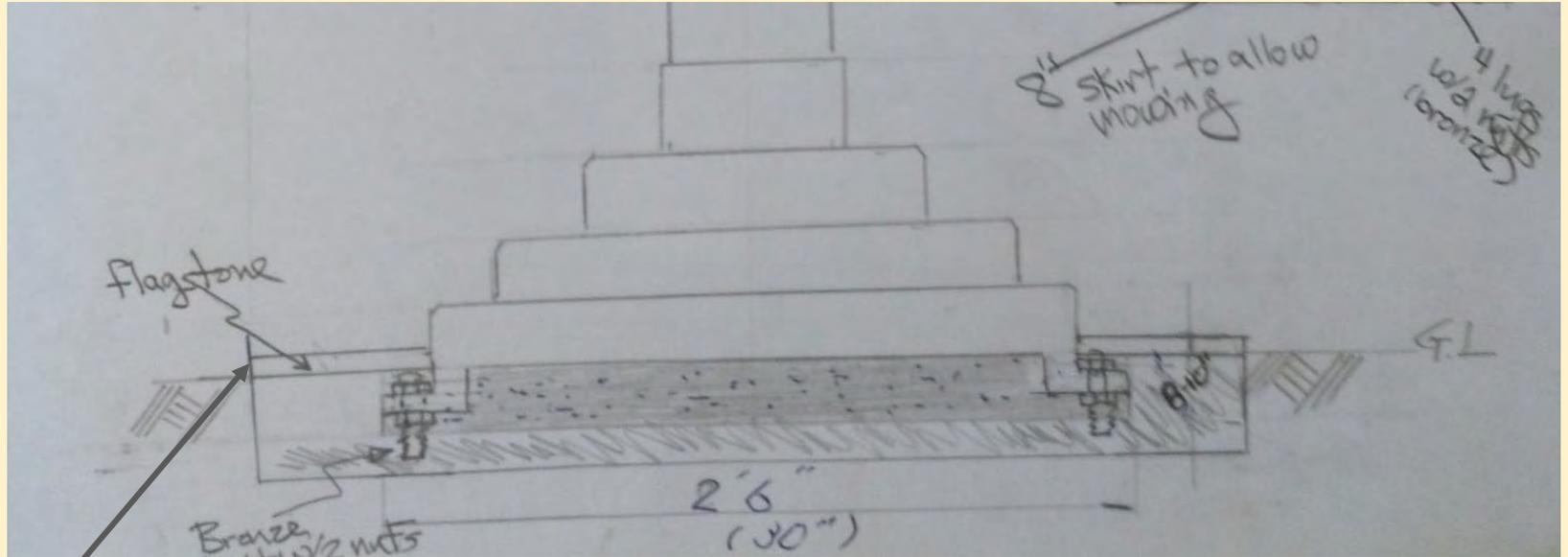
The lantern will be firmly anchored to the base and grillwork will cover the 3 openings.

Base is 10 sided, the firebox or *hibukuro* is 6 sided.





Bronze flanges/lugs to secure the base of the lantern
+
Extended approximately 8" skirt to allow mowing



Concrete top is flagged with stone to cover nuts securing the lantern

Concrete is 150 lbs per cubic ft.
So, 2 cubic feet... or whatever
APRD wants

2" to 4" side to side slope

Questions asked

1. What about bronze art work outdoors? At least 2 in Ashland and around the world.
1. How about mowing? We've added an 8" skirt and sloping the terrain.
1. How have you accounted for vandalism? Lantern will be extremely secure, bolted to hundreds of pounds of concrete in base. Much more so than a stone lantern.
1. Will the lantern be inaccessible to casual contact? Yes, we've moved it off the path by 12'-15'.
2. The city does not commonly accept sculptures. What about that? The city has added several in the last couple years: We Are Here (same foundry/artist), the pipe sculpture on the other end of Lithia/Main, and beautiful glob/arc work next to Starbuck, are examples.

And the city/APRD was willing to completely redo the Japanese garden with many lanterns and other art objects.

Notes

- If upkeep/maintenance is anticipated by APRD, I will be happy to endow a fund to do so.
- Approval of the design and location is requested from APRD before we start casting.
- Anticipated completion is less than 1 year.
- The lantern will be mounted on a solid stone or poured concrete base.

*Chiyemi Katsuyoshi Doyle lived in Ashland for 28 years, married 48 years, worked at SOU in International Programs. Born in Tule Lake Japanese Internment camp June 19, 1945, she passed March 6, 2018 at University of California San Francisco Medical Center.

**Bronze lantern, not stone.

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PARKS COMMISSIONER STAFF REPORT

TO: Ashland Parks and Recreation Commissioners
FROM: Michael Black
DATE: 6/19/2019
SUBJECT: Update on Pool Ad-hoc Committee

The Daniel Meyer Pool Ad-hoc Committee began meeting in October of 2018 to advise the Commissioners on the evaluation and the feasibility of planning and funding the Daniel Meyer Pool re-build.

Since the closure of the pool at Southern Oregon University in 2015, the community is lacking a competitive swimming pool in Ashland. To address the problem with inadequate facilities, APRC has offered extended pool hours/dates at the Daniel Meyer pool for the Ashland School District swim teams as well as recreational swimmers such as and including Rogue Valley Masters (RVM). These measures are temporary, as the Daniel Meyer Pool is aging, in need of constant repairs and will soon require replacement. A long-term solution is needed.

The ad-hoc committee was tasked with: 1) creating and implementing a needs analysis of the Pool; 2) after the needs analysis, develop a plan to address the needs; and, 3) a proposed funding mechanism to implement the plan.

The ad-hoc committee has made strides in their mission and, although the mission is not complete, staff and the Commissioners who are assigned to the group will give an update on the work so far. The Commissioners assigned to the ad-hoc committee are Mike Gardiner and Rick Landt. Staff that has been involved in the process are Michael Black, Rachel Dials, Isleen Glatt and Lonny Flora.

At the meeting on the 24th, staff will briefly discuss the results of the recent needs analysis survey and the work that has been completed on site analysis so far.