

**MINUTES FOR REULAR BUSINESS MEETING
ASHLAND PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
June 24, 2019
Council Chambers, 1175 E. Main Street**

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

Absent: Commissioner Landt (Co-Chair); City Council Liaison Mayor Stromberg

CALL TO ORDER

Gardiner called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m.

APPROVAL OR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF MINUTES

APRC Study Session, May 13, 2019

Motion: Heller moved to approve the Minutes from May 13, 2019 as presented. Bell Seconded.

The vote was all yes.

APRC Regular Meeting, May 20, 2019

Motion: Lewis moved to approve the Minutes from May 20, 2019 as presented. Heller Seconded.

The vote was all yes.

Minutes Acknowledged:

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

a) Open Forum

Albert Pepe of Ashland announced the Bee City USA pollinator garden tour. Pepe also spoke about utilizing the 0 E. Main property as a food share garden site. Food share gardens are sponsored by Access. Access has food share gardens at various sites throughout the Rogue Valley and is looking for another location. Pepe concluded with a statement about the Ashland Bee City USA subcommittee, of which he serves as a member, which works to promote pollinator gardens throughout the city. The Subcommittee would like to explore the creation of a pollinator park on the 0 E. Main property.

Louise Shawkat of Ashland stated that APRC spends a significant amount of money for a brochure advertising the Geology Park located at the Briscoe Site. Shawkat asked why the Chamber of Commerce and APRC does not better publicize this park and the brochure. Shawkat urged APRC to undertake additional marketing efforts to highlight this park which has educational opportunities for visitors. Shawkat also inquired if APRC has consulted with Stu Green regarding climate change. Shawkat also asked what changes have been made to reduce the greenhouse foot print of APRC.

ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

a) Art in the Park Request (Action)

Black reviewed the staff report including in the meeting packet and gave a PowerPoint presentation (See Attachment I). Black concluded with a recommendation of approval with conditions as outlined in the staff report. Terry Doyle, the sponsor of the art piece, was invited to answer the questions of the Commissioners.

Discussion on the item included the following points:

- It was clarified that lights will not be installed in the lantern, however it would be possible to insert a small candle

- The bronze sculpture will naturally acquire a patina
- Oxendine reported that APRC staff Miller and Goddard reviewed the location after the site visit and determined the proposed location could create maintenance issues with a nearby tree and would be too close to a main irrigation line, which is why staff recommends the alternative location
- The slope on both sides of the walkway are similar. The installation will not cause any issues with mowing or general maintenance of the surrounding area
- The art piece will not include a plaque. There will be traditional Japanese characters on the art piece
- Mr. Doyle stated he may come back to APRC to consider putting a commemorative plaque about the Tule Lake internment camp where his wife was born
- Mr. Doyle stated the piece will be heavily secured to the concrete pad as a preventative measure from vandalism
- Bronze statues require minimal maintenance, if any, as seen with other bronze statues installed in Ashland

The conditions listed in the staff report are as follows:

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 APRC 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.

Motion: Bell moved to approve the proposal for art in the park with the conditions listed by staff. Heller Seconded.

The vote was all yes.

b) Daniel Meyer Memorial Pool Update (Information)

Director Black reviewed the staff report included in the meeting packet. Black announced 2,000 households in Ashland received an Aquatics Needs Assessment and approximately 200 responses were received. The responses can be found on the APRC website. Black also reported that the site planning subcommittee is reviewing possible locations for a new pool

Black stated one of the main reasons to provide this update is to discuss the current condition of the pool. Discussion regarding the current condition of the pool included the following points:

- Dials reported on structural issues with the pool that include soft spots along the bottom of the pool, tiles that are loose or have fallen off as well as the general state of the surface which has integrity issues
- Black reiterated that one of The APRC goals is to keep the current pool operational and open for use. Both staff and users have concerns that the pool can remain open in its current deteriorating state
- Staff is reviewing options to ensure the current pool remains operational
- Dials does not think it is feasible to continue to patch the surface of the pool to ensure long term use of the pool. Draining the pool for repairs at any time during the year could have impacts on users who contract with APRC to use the pool during the off season
- Black emphasized that the pool has been drained and patched multiple times in the past. These patches are now visible weak spots
- Lewis stated that the pool was completely resurfaced approximately 15 years ago and suggested the Pool Ad-Hoc Committee discuss resurfacing as a contingency plan
- Oxendine reiterated that the patchwork or repairs made are not holding. Approximately 30 tiles have fallen off and 4 holes in the pools have been repaired. The full extent of the damage cannot be fully known without draining and exploring the areas that are currently damaged. If the pool is drained, a more complete repair option should be explored to take full advantage of displacing users
- Black and staff are working to identify the least disruptive time to close the pool to make repairs if necessary

Additional discussion included the following points:

- Recommendations from the Pool Ad-Hoc Committee will come to APRC sometime this summer. The Ad-Hoc Committee has not come to the point of suggesting a bond to finance construction of a new pool
- Bell inquired if SOU or 0 E. Main could be a suitable location for the pool. Black stated that as a group all APRC properties were reviewed and 0 E. Main was not identified as a potential location because the Commission has directed that property to be used for

other purposes. Sites that continue to be discussed as locations for a new pool include Hunter Park, Ashland School District properties as well as a site owned by SOU that currently contains buildings that may be removed.

- In a response to a question from Bell regarding using bonds as a funding source, Black stated that the funding source will depend on the scope of the project and it will also be necessary to evaluate cost recovery for new pool construction
- Hunter Park is at the top of the list for potential sites because of the existing infrastructure including parking and existing buildings. If Hunter Park was selected as a site for the construction of a new pool, it would likely be constructed within the footprint of the existing pool. Other structures within Hunter Park would not be impacted such as the restrooms, the bathhouse or Senior Center
- Black wants to make sure we do not lose the current asset while looking forward to the possibility of a new facility

ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS/STAFF

Glatt invited Commissioners to the following events being held at the Senior Center

- Annual Ice Cream Social on July 17. Village at Valley View is sponsoring the event allowing the invitation to be sent out to a wider community
- Ashland Police and Assante Ashland Hospital are co-sponsoring a cook-out at the Senior Center. Surrounding neighbors will be invited
- A Disaster Preparedness event will be held on June 26th for people who are vulnerable or have special needs. The disaster registry, maintained by RVCOG, will be promoted at the event. The registry provides registrant information to first responders

Glatt also announced the Ashland Home Safety program (Smoke Busters). This program assesses private residences and provides assistance to seal doors and windows and provides air filters to create safe spaces during smoke events. Smoke Busters will be working with the Senior Center to create a public safe space. Glatt stated that this program and the events being held at the Senior Center have been made possible by reaching out to community groups and creating partnerships

Dials announced various activities APRC undertakes to support for 4th of July events

- The 4th of July Race has been going for 40 years. The Recreation Division oversees permitting and registration of the race
- The Parks Division supports the parade and activities in Lithia Park leading up to, during and the day after the 4th of July. The Parks Division also works to provide the following:
 - Hunter and Garfield Parks are kept open later than usual
 - The splash pad is up and running on the 4th and outer parks are maintained for increased use
 - APRC staff sit on the Ashland Chamber planning committee
 - Bleachers from SOU are transported to the parade route downtown
 - The Chamber utilizes APRC maintenance carts
 - Barricades and cones are placed on city streets and the banner across Main St is put up

Black placed a letter of support of the Japanese Lantern Project from Jeffrey Mangin into the record (See Attachment II)

UPCOMING MEETING DATES

- a. Pool Ad-Hoc Committee – July 10, 2019 (a correction was made to the date. It was previously listed as July 3)
 - 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.

ADJOURNMENT

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:08pm

Respectfully submitted by
Sean Sullivan
Office Assistant II

ASHLAND PARKS and RECREATION COMMISSION

Japanese Lantern Request

June 24, 2019

Michael A. Black, AICP



Request

- Terry Doyle has requested permission to place a piece of art in Lithia Park as a memorial to his late wife.
- The proposed art is a Japanese style lantern



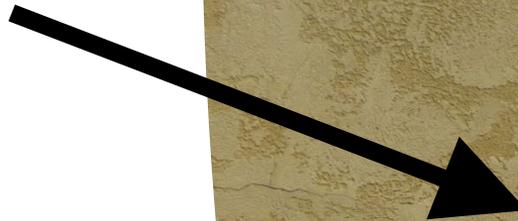


Pedestal Bronze Lanterns from Nara, Kyoto and Kamura

source: <http://lomov.blogspot.com>

Proposed Lantern

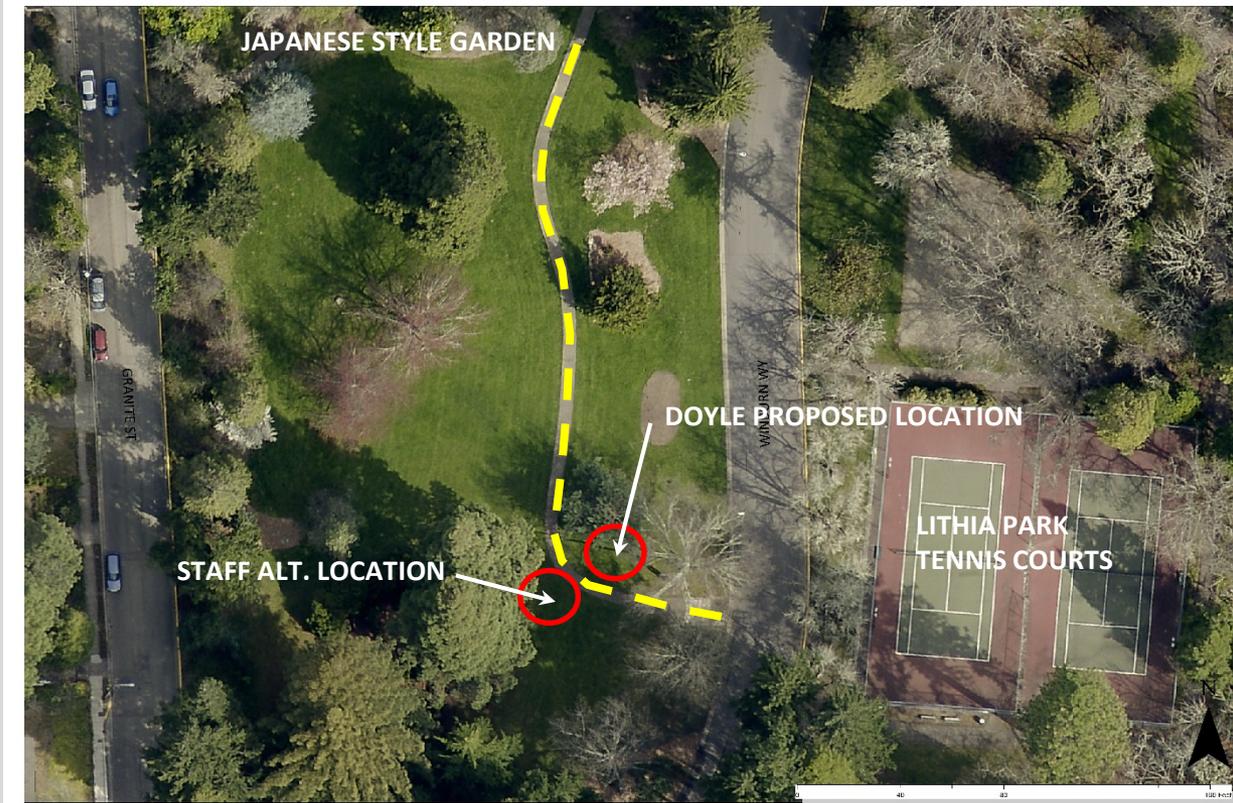
- Selected art is a traditional Japanese style lantern
- Material will be bronze with a cement base, about 2.5 feet wide.
- The lantern will be firmly anchored to the base and grillwork will cover the 3 openings.
- Base is 10 sided, the firebox is 6 sided.





Artist – Wataru Sugiyama

Location



Conditions of Approval

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Upon installation, the art will become the property of the Ashland Parks and Recreation Commission.

Jeffrey Mangin

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Attachment II

June 24, 2019

Parks and recreation commissioners

Dear Commissioners:

I am writing this letter in support of Terry Doyle's Japanese lantern proposal in memory of his wife. I've seen the design and proposed location and feel it will be an excellent addition to Lithia Park.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Mangin', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jeffrey Mangin
Director Ashland Parks Foundation