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MEETING AGENDA

ASHLAND PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION Pool ad-Hoc Committee April 3, 2019 Ashland Senior Center—1699 Homes Ave.

3:30 p.m.

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES—March 6, 2019
- III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION & GUEST SPEAKERS
 - a. Open Forum
- IV. ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA
- V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
 - a. Outreach Subcommittee
 - i. March 21, 2019 Listening Session Review (Kay)
 - ii. Stakeholder Outreach (Lantry, Kay, Buck)
 - b. Site Planning Subcommittee (Black, Hitsky, Sanford)
- VI. NEW BUSINESS
 - a. PAHC participation in May 18 Ashland World Music Festival (Kay)
- VII. UPCOMING MEETING DATES
 - a. May 1, 2019
 - b. June 5, 2019
- VIII. ADJOURNMENT—5:00 p.m. or thereafter

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City of Ashland
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
Pool ad-Hoc Committee Meeting Minutes
March 6, 2019

ATTENDEES

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

Absent: Recreation Superintendent Dials; City of Ashland Finance Director Mark Welch

I. CALL TO ORDER

Matt Miller called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. at the Ashland Senior Center, 1699 Homes Ave.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – It was asked if there were any corrections to the February 13, 2019 minutes and there were no corrections.

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

Buck moved / Hitsky seconded approval of the minutes.

Vote: All Yes

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AND GUEST SPEAKERS

None

IV. ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

Flora asked that the Data Collection process be added under Unfinished Business.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Needs Assessment / Outreach Subcommittee Report

i. Listening session review (Kay & Flora)

Flora stated that the first Listening session showed a good turnout and there was positive feedback. Flora went over the February 19, 2019 results from the Listening session. Kay stressed that for the next Listening session that the subcommittee needed to be clearer with the questions to the participants and the monitors needed to ensure that the participants understood the questions and knew how to respond. Kay stated that some of the responses on the survey expressed concerns about the current site location and its impact to parking, traffic and the neighborhood. Sanford said that the building needs to be discussed and incorporated into the next Listening session. Flora stated that the building is in serious need of an upgrade and it could be brought into the March 21st, Listening Session. Landt stated that if it is being discussed that the pool house needs to be replaced then the only advantage of being at the current location is that there is a place for the pool. Landt said that the assumption was that we have the pool house and the equipment so the only thing needed to be done was the pool and cover and that cost is 3.5 million. Landt said we need to know how much money is needed and then lay it all out to the community. Buck said that maybe they should have various phases if it helps to mitigate costs therefore being transparent to the community. Oxendine stated

that maybe the recommendation could be to not keep the pool at the same location. If it is recommended to keep the pool at the same location then the facility should be reviewed in its entirety. Glatt asked if there would be barriers to using nearby school parking lots on the weekends. Lantry volunteered to look into the issue. Flora stated that at the next Listening session they will have people sitting at the tables and that anyone being a table moderator, facilitator, or a discussion leader will be asked to arrive no later than 5:00 p.m.

ii. Stakeholder outreach & messaging (Kay & Lantry)

Lantry handed out draft talking points and bullets that he and Kay put together. Kay said these were talking points to be used when speaking to the Stakeholders. Kay said they are hoping that people will volunteer to speak to the various Stakeholders. Lantry said they attempted to standardize the talking points so that all the stakeholders would get the same message. Kay suggested a letter be sent out to the Stakeholders with a survey that is tailored specifically to them and then have an individual spend face time with the Stakeholders. Landt stated that everything that is stated in the talking points needs to be backed up with facts. Lantry clarified that feedback on the talking points could be emailed to Flora and that he and Kay would revise the talking points and then send them back out to the subcommittee. Kay asked for clarification on how the group wanted to approach the Stakeholders groups and make contact with them. Miller asked what the message would be in talking with the individual Stakeholder groups. Kay said discussions with Stakeholders could include what programs they would be interested in participating and what support they could provide. Miller stated that feedback will get back to Lantry and Kay and they will incorporate it into the final talking points. Once that is completed the group will have Ad-Hoc members volunteer or be assigned to speak to the different stakeholder groups. Simms asked if the list of the Stakeholders was going to be sent out to the subcommittee. Miller said that Flora would send out the list of Stakeholders. Flora said he is working with the City's IT Department so that everyone could have access to the Stakeholders list.

iii. Data Collection process (Flora)

Flora stated that they are close to getting the Needs Assessment survey designed and to the printer. Flora said that the original deadline of March 24th, 11:59 p.m. for return of the surveys may be too small of a window from when it hits the mailboxes and has to be turned back in. Flora asked what the window of time should be for the survey to be turned back in. Flora said if it hits the mailboxes by March 13th and they are asking for it back by March 24th then that is a small window of time. Miller asked what kind of deadlines are they looking at for getting data compiled. Flora said that by getting a lot of results back electronically you get a lot of information back immediately. Flora said that he believed that they could have the information compiled a few days past the deadline. Kay said that the data would be used by the Site analysis subcommittee and she would need to ask them how much time they would need once they get the data. Gardiner asked if this was all predicated by having this all done by June. Black said the deadline was originally June if they were going to try and get a bond on the November ballot but with everything going on with the City's financial situation Black said that this can't be rushed. Black said the deadline could be anytime this summer. Heller asked if the subcommittee had a recommendation by the end of June would it be possible to get it on the ballot. Black said it is going to take a lot more lobbying than what has been done. Black said there are a lot more opportunities for funding. Kay said that she felt that the priority for the pool has once again slipped because other priorities have popped up. Landt said in a time of budgetary restraints that it's important not to rush something onto the ballot as it could be a real mistake. Gardiner said that he felt that the replacing of the pool would be one of the Commissioners top goals. Miller clarified that from what he understands is that it's unlikely a bond is going to happen and so the subcommittee is

not on a timeline to get the data collected. Miller said they would do a presentation of the data analysis in the May meeting and the April meeting will still be on April 3rd.

b. Site Planning and Design Subcommittee Report

Sanford said that they have not met since the last meeting so there is nothing to report. Hitsky said that was intentional from what was conveyed at the last meeting. Hitsky said that they have had preliminary discussions depending on what the feedback comes in at but that they do not want to convey that they are behind the scenes designing a pool without feedback. Kay asked the Site Analysis committee if they planned on hiring an architect to come up with a conceptual drawing and is there money for that. Black said that they can do some conceptualizing with current staff but he is going to propose that the budget for the pool include some real money in the near term so that they can do some analysis. Hitsky asked if there were thoughts about funding for repairs in the shorter term. Black said that the goal is to ensure that the pool stays open so that would mean some short term fixes need to be done.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Continuation of outreach (Kay)

Kay said that when the Ad-hoc Committee is disbanded sometime in June there is still a lot of work that needs to be done. Kay said she is introducing the idea that they need to start talking about what that vehicle would be and it could be an existing organization called Southern Oregon Aquatics Committee.

VII. UPCOMING MEETING DATE

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

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anna Wysocki, Temp Office Assistant
Ashland Parks and Recreation Commission

LISTENING SESSION 2/19/19

No. of responses	PROGRAMS WANTED:
40	Lap swimming all day, all year, all ages
21	H.S. Swim team practices and meets
18	H. S. Water polo practices and competitions
16	swim lessons, kids, (beginner - advanced)
16	Rogue Valley Masters practices and meets
15	Lap swimming, evenings, all year, all ages
15	Recreational (general fun time):
5	water slide
3	Rope swing
1	lazy river
1	diving boards
14	Senior and adult aquasize and water aerobics classes
10	Physical Therapy classes
7	swim P.E. classes available through the schools
4	Swim lessons, adults (beginner - advanced)
4	Scuba classes, certifications
4	Dive board classes and competitions
3	Yoga aquatics
2	Kayak classes
1	Synchronized swim classes and competitions

No. of responses	FACILITIES WANTED:
28	25 M x 25 Yd, 8 lanes, deep end, meets competition standards
20	50 Meter Pool, 8 - 10 lanes, deep end, meets competition standards
17	Warm water pool, separate from comp. pool
16	Make main pool indoor/outdoor for all year use
13	Ability to program several activities at same time
8	Zero entry access
8	Family locker rooms, ADA compliant, w/privacy showers/big enough for teams, safe flooring
7	Make main pool indoor for all year use
6	Parking and traffic concerns
5	Diving tower and springboards
5	Rope swing and water slides
4	Toddler pool, warm water, for babies, etc. (shallow)
3	Jacuzzi pool (for relaxation)
3	Space for social events (parties)
3	Saline water treatment
2	Lazy river
2	Bleacher seating
2	Install Solar energy system
2	Insure Economical maintenance, generally

LISTENING SESSION 3/21/19

No. of responses	PROGRAMS WANTED:
25	Multi-generational/multi-purpose programs
23	Water Polo
23	Swim teams (competition)
21	Lap Swimming, all ages, all skill levels
17	Swim lessons (children/youth)
12	Wellness
12	Open recreational pool time (family, fun, etc.)
10	Fitness classes
8	Swim lessons (adult)
6	Kayak/canoe/SUP classes
3	Scuba/snorkeling classes
2	Masters swim team workouts and competitions
1	SOU teams
1	Physical therapy and rehab
1	Water safety classes
1	Drowning prevention

No. of responses	FACILITIES WANTED:
42	Open year-round
14	Competitive swimming features: starting blocks, depth, wider lanes, etc.
10	Improved showers and locker room (larger lockers)
9	Water treatment system: Ozone, non-chlorine, contemporary
8	Energy efficient: solar heating, low-flow toilets, recycle hot air
8	25 Meters X 25 yards, 8 or more lanes
7	Covered (winter) and open for Outdoor in summer
6	Deep enough and length standard for Water Polo
6	Shallow kiddie pool
5	Temperature 80 - 82
5	Nice outdoor area: grass lawn, trees, shrubs
3	Indoor air quality control (against smoke)
3	Spectator seating
2	User-friendly
2	Shade structure
2	Snack Bar and Storage space for equipment
2	Safe and well-lit
1	Outdoor only
1	Water slide
1	Diving board
1	Zero-depth entry
1	Temperature warmer for therapy

LISTENING SESSION 2/19/19

LISTENING SESSION 3/21/19

No. of responses	SITE (Location):
6	Traffic and Parking concerns
5	Move to another location (in Ashland)
3	Keep at same location
2	Regional pool (multi-municipalities)
1	Keep renovation/building costs affordable

No. of responses	Miscellaneous:
2	No additional taxes to homeowners to fund pool

No. of responses	AQUATICS IN ASHLAND ARE VALUABLE BECAUSE:
25	Gives residents a place to exercise, maintain fitness, stay healthy
13	Offers water safety programs to all; prevents drowning
13	Offers a place to have fun, socialize with family and friends
8	Fosters community-building, networking,
7	Provides the life-long skill of knowing how to swim
6	Offers opportunities to youths: sports, teamwork, friendship, jobs;
5	Provides a fun environment for children and grandchildren
5	Is affordable -- less expensive than private clubs
2	Provides more sports other than baseball, football and basketball
2	Provides a place for water therapy to all ages for injuries, surgery, disabilities
2	Attracts tourists
2	Attracts world-class swimmers and coaches

No. of responses	SITE (Location):
5	Architecture: aesthetically pleasing and appropriate for the location
1	Parking concerns
1	Repair current pool
1	Thoughtful of impact on neighbors

No. of responses	Miscellaneous:
5	Affordable to City of Ashland
1	Water is Life

No. of responses	AQUATICS IN ASHLAND ARE VALUABLE BECAUSE:
18	Makes Ashland a great place to live
15	Good for community events, parties, luaus, etc.
11	Good for socializing space, relaxation, etc.
6	It is affordable to patrons
6	It provides a place for exercise/fitness
5	Citizens able to participate in a lifelong activity/sport
5	Offers a place for drowning prevention/water safety classes
4	Revenue generation/economic impact
2	Is a good resource for school district (sports, P.E. classes, water safety)
2	Is as important as schools, libraries, etc. to a community
1	Provides a place for outdoor activities
1	Is local, so no commute to Medford for a pool
1	Provides a project for "community effort" and to come together as a community