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PARKS COMMISSIONER STAFF REPORT

TO: Ashland Parks and Recreation Commissioners
FROM: Michael Black, APRC Director
DATE: September 13, 2017
SUBJECT: September 18, APRC Study Session

The September Study Session is scheduled for Monday, September 18, 2017, at 5:30pm at The Grove, Otte-Peterson Room. The following topics are planned for discussion that evening.

I. IPM Policy: Rodent Control

Two APRC buildings have posed problems with rodents over the years: Golf maintenance shop and Senior Center. Several months ago, staff looked into rodent control products used within APRC facilities by our pest control company, Integrity Pest Control. It was discovered that Integrity used projects that might be in violation of the APRC IPM Policy. Based on that information, staff did not renew its contract with Integrity at the beginning of the 2017-18 fiscal year. In lieu of a pest control contract, staff has been setting snap traps until a discussion could be scheduled with Commissioners. Further information will be provided on Monday evening.

II. Tennis Court / Pickleball Updates

Commissioners asked staff to evaluate pickleball court usage over a period of time and report back about the availability of facilities. I have spent time evaluating this matter and would like to bring my findings to the Commissioners for further discussion. Specifically, I am proposing to reevaluate the scope of the evaluation as we have increased pickleball court space since the time the Commissioners asked for a review. Also since that time I have heard that pickleball advocates have shifted some of their focus for facilities to indoor pickleball courts, which may have some impact on the way this evaluation is formatted or prioritized.

III. Subcommittee Updates

Subcommittee meetings have been scheduled and held over the past several months. Meetings have included Golf Course, Lithia Park Master Plan, Real Estate, Signs-Plaques-Memorials, Senior Center, Trail Master Plan and Bee City USA. Staff and Commissioners will be prepared to provide short reports on the outcomes of those meetings on Monday evening.

IV. Beach Creek Update

The Beach Creek construction project / repairs began on Monday, September 11. Collaborations have included (and will continue to include) The Galli Engineering Group providing surveying and new plans, Roxy Ann Rock and APRC staff working on the repairs at the site, and Public Works Engineering providing inspections. We hope to have the work completed in approximately two weeks.

Additional information will be provided to the Commissioners on Monday evening.