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AGENDA
ASHLAND PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
Recreation Division Advisory Committee (R-DAC)
October 19, 2023; 4-5:30pm
In-person Meeting at 340 S. Pioneer St. Ashland, OR 97520

4:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Minutes from August 17, 2023 Meeting

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Open Forum

BUSINESS

- General Recreation Updates (Dials)
- Committee Member Input on Recreation Division Services (Dials)
- Appointment of Sophia Blanton to RDAC Committee (All)
- Other items from Committee Members (All)

Next Meeting TBA

ADJOURNMENT by 5:30 p.m.

MINUTES-DRAFT
ASHLAND PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
Recreation Division Advisory Committee (RDAC)
August 17, 2023 4:00 p.m.

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

Present: Committee Members: Commissioners Lewis and Bachman, Members Grimm and Buck

APRC Staff: Deputy Director Dials, Recreation Manager Flora

CALL TO ORDER

Grimm called the meeting to order at 4:00p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Buck moved for approval of the June 15, 2023 RDAC minutes. Lewis seconded. All in favor.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

BUSINESS

Discussion of Nature Center -Short Term and Long Term (Deputy Director Dials & All)

Dials updated the committee regarding the current staffing at the Nature Center. We have one staff member (Jen Aguayo) who is running the Nature Center and site maintenance. We are down one full time position at the Nature Center. **Dials** gave the history of the positions at the Nature Center. Prior to COVID, the Nature Center had three-full time staff. 1 Manager, 1 Coordinator and 1 office assistant. The Office Assistant position was laid off during COVID and was never refilled. Currently, 1 office assistant position is shared between The Grove, Senior Center and Nature Center.

The committee suggested that a presentation be done to the Commission that reminds them what positions were lost. A "Past, Present and Future of staffing" presentation.

Update on the Grove

Flora reviewed the upcoming schedule for use of the gym in the Grove. The Grove gym continues to be a popular venue for a variety of classes and used by a number of organizations including the Senior Center, OLLI programs, and private instructors.

Members discussed the impact of City of Ashland Utility Billing Office occupying the Otte-Peterson classroom which was previously used for recreational programs requiring a classroom setting.

Other Items from Committee Members

No other action items were discussed by committee members.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:27p.m. Next meeting will be October 19 at 4pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rachel Dials & Lonny Flora
APRC

Questions for Committee Member Input of Recreation Division Services

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