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CITY OF ASHLAND
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Study Session Agenda

MARCH 16, 2015 @ 7:00 PM

PARKS OFFICE ♦ 340 S. PIONEER STREET

- Call to Order
- Public Records Review with City Recorder
- Ethics Update with City Attorney
- FootGolf Proposal at Oak Knoll Golf Course Discussion
- Dogs at Oak Knoll Golf Course Discussion
- Public Input
- Update on Budget Process
- PathoSans Cleaning System Discussion
- Adjournment

Special Meeting Agenda

MARCH 16, 2015 @ 8:00 PM

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- Call to Order
- FootGolf at Oak Knoll Golf Course Action
- Commissioner and Staff Comments
- Adjournment

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MEMORANDUM

TO : Ashland Parks and Recreation Commission

FROM : Michael A. Black, AICP - Director

DATE : March 12, 2015

SUBJECT : March 2015 Study Session and Special Meeting

This month's study session will be held on Monday, March 16, 2015 in the Parks Office at 7:00 PM (the Grove is booked that evening). We will be holding a study session at 7:00 PM to discuss several items and then adjourn into the special meeting at 8:00 PM to take action on the FootGolf proposal. It is most likely that we will not finish the study session items before 8:00 PM so we will have the option of reconvening the study session after the special meeting. It is important that we hold a special meeting on the 16th to discuss FootGolf if we are going to advertise the program in our Summer Recreation Guide.

The following is a preview of the items that don't have their own memoranda attached.

1. Public Records Review and Ethics Update

The City Recorder and the City Attorney will be present for this presentation. The items to be discussed will include old and new information regarding public records laws, meeting requirements and ethics for elected officials.

2. Update on Budget Process

This will simply be an update on the budget process since the last time we met. I will be reporting on the Budget Officer Review which will be held the same day as the study session. I also plan to keep this item on the agenda through the budget process and until the budget is approved.

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MEMORANDUM

TO : Ashland Parks and Recreation Commission

FROM : Rachel Dials, Recreation Superintendent

DATE : March 12, 2015

SUBJECT : FootGolf Proposal at Oak Knoll Golf Course –Discussion and Action

Background

The sport of FootGolf, played throughout the world, is a blend of soccer and golf using a soccer ball on a golf course with shortened holes and 21-inch diameter cups. The rules generally correspond to the game of golf. In December of 2014, golf maintenance staff installed four FootGolf holes on holes #1 and #2 as a pilot program.

FootGolf is regulated by the Federation for International FootGolf (FIFG). The American FootGolf League (AFGL) is the exclusive member of the FIFG and governs the sport of FootGolf in the United States. The AFGL organizes tournaments and leagues throughout the country and works with golf courses to bring FootGolf to communities.

In this area, examples and variations of FootGolf or soccer golf programs can be found at Dutcher Creek Golf Course in Grants Pass, River Ridge Golf Course in Eugene and Gold Hills Golf Club in Redding California. Staff has conducted on-site research at two of those courses.

Community members have been invited to the course to play the game for free for the past two months and staff has been collecting all comments received. On Friday March 13th, a free event will be held at the course from 2:30-6:30pm where people can try out the sport, ask questions and provide feedback.

Staff will be bringing all comments, including those from Friday's event, to the meetings on Monday, March 16. The Commission will also hear public input on the proposal to install 18 FootGolf holes and implement a program at Oak Knoll by summer 2015.

Staff is excited about this program as it will offer an additional recreational opportunity at the golf course without disrupting the traditional golf program at Oak Knoll. If approved, staff will work with the FIFG to create a fully accredited course for Oak Knoll Golf Course.

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MEMORANDUM

TO : Ashland Parks and Recreation Commission

FROM : Tom Cronin, Golf Operations Manager

DATE : March 12, 2015

SUBJECT : Dogs at Oak Knoll Golf Course Discussion

Currently, Oak Knoll Golf Course is not designated as dog friendly or not dog friendly; however, dogs are regularly seen at Oak Knoll, both on leash and off leash. If the Commission chooses to allow dogs at Oak Knoll, it will be the job of staff to post appropriate signage that will keep leashed dogs within approved areas.

Ashland Municipal Code 10.68.200A prohibits unleashed dogs in City of Ashland parks. Golfers who pay to use the facility at Oak Knoll are our priority, and their experience is currently being diminished by the actions of a few dog owners who are in violation of AMC 10.68.200A.

Based on our experience with dogs at Oak Knoll, and in conjunction with recent Golf Course Subcommittee meetings, suggested areas for dogs could include the main road through the golf course, from Hwy 66 to the parking lot area, and the outside perimeter of the course, defined as Hwy 66 to the east and Crowson Road to the south.

If dogs are allowed at Oak Knoll, dog owners will be asked to obey the following restrictions:

- Dogs required to stay on leash at all times per Ashland Municipal Code 10.68.200A
- Dogs prohibited from walking on sensitive areas of the course, including (but not limited to) greens, tee boxes, and bunkers
- Dogs prohibited from walking on the course when frost is present
- Dog owners responsible for pet waste

If approved, the dog policy for Oak Knoll Golf Course would be conveyed to the community through the posting of clear, concise signage advising dog walkers of their responsibilities. Oak Knoll staff would also monitor the situation on the course and notify dog walkers if they fell out of compliance. The new policy would ensure that golf customers had the best possible experience at Oak Knoll and community dog walkers would also be afforded some access to the Oak Knoll Golf Course property.

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TO : Ashland Parks and Recreation Commission
FROM : Bruce Dickens, Parks Superintendent
DATE : March 12, 2015
SUBJECT : PathoSans Cleaning System Discussion

Background

PathoSans is a new technology for cleaning and sanitizing commercial facilities. The system is designed to automatically and "on demand" produce cleaning and sanitizing solutions that can be used immediately or stored on site.

There are many advantages to using a system like this, including cost savings, environmental benefits (non-chemical) and safe usage.

The cost of one gallon of product is .007. This would be a great savings to our department

To implement the system in our custodial program we would have a station set up in Lithia Park shop, with the product distributed by custodial staff to outlying parks and facilities.

Purified salt and water are the only ingredients we would have to provide; the generator would do the rest.

PathoSans would provide setup, calibration and testing to ensure the system's proper functioning.