



**Minutes of the Park Community Program Committee  
Molalla City Hall  
117 N Molalla Ave., Molalla, OR 97038  
November 16, 2021**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Jody Newland at 5:05pm.

**COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE**

Councilor Crystal Robles (via phone), Councilor Jody Newland, Nicole Jung, Tina Teel, LyndaAnn Kransberger, Emily Garland, Doug Eaglebear  
Absent: Emily Garland, Doug Eaglebear

**STAFF IN ATTENDANCE**

Dan Huff, City Manager; Darlene Bishop, Executive Administrative Assistant.

**GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE**

Gary Hopkins, Bear Creek Subdivision HOA President, Donielle Lowry, Jesse Morrison and Raquel Laxamana

**INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME**

**PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT DECISIONS**

The information received from the playground equipment company was presented in the form of an email.

**Strawberry Park:** Dan brought up the idea of having the Culture and Art Committee design some kind of a structure in the shape of a strawberry to add to this park at a different time.

Dan stressed the importance of ordering the equipment soon while the pricing is still consistent with the information received from NW playground equipment. He also talked about potential grants.

The committee discussed changing out the climbing cube for the 2 small strawberries. It was decided that for the cost, the committee would rather stay with the original design. Jody asked about benches, and Dan stated that those will be ordered by the city from the vendor we get them from. Those will be placed at a later time.

The group unanimously decided on the “Soundbox” design for Fox Park.

**CURRENT PROJECTS/COMMITTEE PRIORITIES**

**Chief Yelkus Park:** Lynda brought up concerns from the neighborhood that will back up to this park. They are worried about attracting homelessness to the area, wildlife not having as much cover and increased traffic if Molalla Forest Road is opened up.

Tina shared her revised map drawing. She showed the dog park being broken into 2 sections, 1 for small dogs and 1 for larger dogs. She also thought a secure area, possibly in between 2 gates, to take off the leashes was a good idea. She also suggested some statues/signs with history of the City of Molalla and the Indian tribe might be a nice addition. She restated that she would like to see the wetland area have natural grasses, and plants as well as fountains and rock structures. The whole committee stated that a walking path around the entire park is a very popular idea.

The discussion regarding the wetlands ensued. Dan showed a map outlining the property. The area to the east has some area shown as wetlands. This is due to the old property owner not granting permission to the wetland consultant when a study was done. That results in the entire area being deemed a wetland. Prior to any work being done on this park, a wetland delineation would need to be done to determine where exactly the wetlands are.

Danielle asked where people are going to park when they come to the park. Jody stated that she feels that most of the people using this park will walk/bike in, there shouldn't be an issue. Dan stated that in general, there are not a lot of cars parked at any of parks within the City.

Gary brought up concerns of the industrial area that backs up to this park. He suggested looking at some sound barrier plants to plant along that side of the park.

Crystal shared her ideas for Chief Yelkus park:

Enclosed area for small dogs and a separate one for larger dogs

4-5' tall fences around the dog park area.

A water source for the dogs onsite

Benches for the owners to sit on and watch their dogs

Trash cans

Bag Holders

Poop scoopers

Area to unleash the dogs safely, possibly in between 2 gates

Signage

Trees or some kind of a structure to provide shade for the dogs

Jody brought up the need for a small parking lot somewhere in the design.

**NEXT MEETING:**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 25, 2022 at 6:30 pm in the Molalla Civic Center meeting room.

**ADJOURNMENT**

As there was no further business, the Park CPC meeting was adjourned at 6:10 pm.