



**Minutes of the Park Community Program Committee
Molalla Civic Center
315 Kennel Ave., Molalla, OR 97038
October 19, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Jody Newland at 5:07pm.

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE

Councilor Crystal Robles, Councilor Jody Newland, LyndaAnn Kransberger, Nicole Jung, Tina Teel, Emily Garland

Absent: Doug Eaglebear

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

Dan Huff, City Manager; Mac Corthell, Planning Director; Darlene Bishop, Executive Administrative Assistant.

INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME

PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT DECISIONS

Strawberry Park: Darlene Bishop informed the committee of the answers to the concerns they had at the previous meeting. There was concern about the color of the equipment fading quickly. The vendor stated that the material and coloring has come so far, it should not have any visible fading for 10-15 years. The committee had asked about adding a strawberry feature in the design of the equipment. Darlene presented a picture of a 4'6" climbing strawberry. After talking to the sales representative, to have room for that item, the butterfly, which includes the cube and other features, would need to be removed to make space for the large strawberry. The group decided they would rather have the butterfly features instead of the strawberry. Lynda asked if the park would be fully fenced. Dan Huff responded, no, it will be open at the sidewalk. Lynda Kransberger expressed concern that with no fence, there would be a problem with dogs might make messes in the park. Dan also explained that signs could be posted, reading "No Dogs Allowed". There will also be doggy bags available. She is also concerned about children being able to get to Creamery Creek. Dan Huff showed on the map that there is a fence back by the creek. Nicole Jung agreed that she would like to see a fence at the sidewalk as well to keep children from running into the street. There was a question if benches would be part of the design, Dan confirmed that they would. Lynda asked if there was a way to have some shade at the front of the park. Dan explained that this is a small lot and there is a set budget, we may not be able to get everything that we want, but every effort will be made for these items. Jody Newland asked if the benches would be able to be installed around the same time as the equipment, or if it would have to be done in phases. Dan answered that it should all be able to be done at the same time. Lynda asked about some kind of a sensory board that might be in the shape of a strawberry. Staff will check into availability and cost. The group decided to go forward with Option 1 playground equipment.

Fox Park: Lynda asked about weight limits on these equipment options. Dan stated that adults could even be on them, they are very sturdy. A discussion was had regarding the 3 options. Most everyone had spoken to several other people and almost everyone liked "Soundbox" and "Clubhouse Junction". There were concerns about "Clubhouse Junction" with the tunnels, places for kids to be out of sight from parents. The committee asked staff to see if the rollers found on the slide on "Clubhouse Junction" could be added to the slide on "Soundbox". The committee had asked staff to research ADA equipment. Darlene gave presented the top 3 selling ADA options. The cost of these pieces is between \$9,000-\$15,000 each. Nicole stated that she had found some grants out there for ADA equipment, staff will look into those. There was a discussion about possibly doing some fund raising and adding a piece or 2 at a later time. Lynda asked if the equipment that is being removed from Fox Park could possible be used at the new park. Dan answered that it can't. Our insurance company won't insure it and the company that made that equipment is no longer in business, so we can't get any parts that may be broken.

CURRENT PROJECTS/COMMITTEE PRIORITIES

Molalla Current: Mac Corthell, Planning Director, made a presentation about the Molalla Current. It is a new engagement website that the City of Molalla launched during Celebrate Molalla on September 18, 2021. This allows community members to sign up to learn about current projects and other information from the City of Molalla. Mac started a page for the Parks CPC. He worked through setting up some of the options to be included on the page, asked for some feedback on a few things and let the committee know that he will finish the build of the page within the next week.

Forest Road Park: Dan went through the maps for the committee members to begin drawing out some design ideas of what they would like to see in this park. He explained the bubble map examples from the City of Veneta and how they could use this style in their drawings. Dan also let the committee know about the American Recovery Funds that the City of Molalla has received. Some of those funds can be used for the water/sewer/storm for this park. That work is currently being designed, which will need to be finished prior to starting work on the actual park. Dan let everyone know that he had been in contact with the Grande Ronde Tribe regarding using Chief Yelkus to name a park. He got approval from the tribe to use the name. They even let him know that they would send some elders from the tribe when the park is opened. The group unanimously decided to forward that name onto the City Council for approval.

Clark Park Pavilion: The pavilion was damaged during the ice storm. Initial repairs have been done to ensure it is safe for use. The City was contacted by Interfor, they would like to partner with the City to make the pavilion more attractive. 3 designs were presented to the committee. They all liked the design that most resembles the pavilion at Fox Park.

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, the Park CPC meeting was adjourned at 6:50pm.