



## Minutes of the Park Community Program Committee

315 Kennel Ave., Molalla, OR 97038  
October 5, 2021

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### **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Jody Newland at 6:05pm.

### **COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE**

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

Absent: Doug Eaglebear

### **STAFF IN ATTENDANCE**

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

### **INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME**

#### **ROLE OF THE PARK COMMUNITY PROGRAM COMMITTEE (CPC)**

Dan Huff explained that this is an advisory committee. The committee has no authority over funding. It is able to make recommendations to City Council, they will make decisions. Dan also explained that there is no revenue source for parks in the City. The current park budget is used for operations and maintenance of parks within the City.

#### **CURRENT PROJECTS/COMMITTEE PRIORITIES**

**A. Funding Availability** The City currently has \$235,000 to go toward the Tot Park and Fox Park. Dan also submitted a grant application to The Ford Family Foundation. The amount requested was \$25,000, which would be used to install the fall protection material at the Tot Park.

The City received \$500,000 from the State of Oregon for the new Molalla Forest Road Park.

There is also American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA) funding that can be used for the Water, Sewer and Stormwater to Molalla Forest Road park.

#### **PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT SELECTION**

**A. Fox Park** Nicole Jung asked about the unsafe equipment on the tot side of Fox Park. This will be looked into. 5 different designs of playground equipment were presented. After discussion, the top 3 choices are Clubhouse Junction, #350-1973 and Soundbox. The group is going to take the schematics to the location to see how they may fit. Also going to talk to other people to get input. Hopefully making a selection at the next meeting.

**B. Tot Park** This park is a little bigger than a standard single family lot. Dan Huff said some things that would be nice to have included in the design would be benches, trees, and a drinking fountain. 4 options for playground equipment were presented. Everyone agreed on option #1 with a couple of changes/additions: Take out the cube and put a strawberry sculpture in it's place and add another swing set. A discussion was had about the fall protection that will be put at the Tot Park. The group was given information on the options for fall protection. There are tiles that can be installed or pour in material. The group decided they would prefer to see the tiles as they are less expensive and can be maintained by our Public Works crews.

Tina Teel asked who will do the playground equipment installation. Dan Huff responded that the manufacturer of the equipment will do the actual work, that way we get a warranty. Our Public Works department will most likely take out the equipment that is going away.

LyndaAnn Kransberger asked if any of the current equipment can be upgraded or repaired. Dan Huff answered that it is too old, there is not a way to fix it.

Several members expressed a desire to see some ADA accessible equipment added in the Fox Park design. Staff will do some research on options and costs and get back to the committee.

### **PARK/SPACE NAMING RECOMMENDATIONS**

**A. Molalla Forest Road Park** The group was asked to come up with some ideas for names of this park by the next meeting.

**B. Tot Park** The group unanimously named this space Strawberry Park

**C. Pocket Park** Everyone liked the name “Chief Yelkus Park” The Grande Ronde Tribe will be contacted to get approval to use that name prior to that being finalized.

There was a question as to the picnic tables at Clark Park. Dan Huff informed the group that they are on order and will be installed when they arrive.

### **FUTURE DISCUSSIONS**

**A. Next Meeting** Jody Newland stated that in the beginning, she sees the need for meetings more regularly since there is so much work to do. As things get accomplished they may back off on regularity. The next meeting will be on October 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:00.

**B. Molalla Current** Dan Huff said that Mac Corthell, our Planning Director, would like to attend the next meeting and introduce the committee to the Molalla Current. This is a new engagement website that was launched within the last month. It could be a great place for the work of this committee to be shared with the community.

**C. Skatepark** There was a discussion about the current skate park and the size of it. The committee all agrees that it is a very poor structure, but there is no way to improve on the current location. Everyone agreed that a skatepark is a future project. It is common knowledge that there is a group in our community beginning to do some fundraising for a skate park. This is ok for them to do, it will be different people contributing to a skate park than would potentially donate for other park items.

**D. Safety Protocols** Crystal Robles stated that she would like to see some additional lighting in Fox park to assist in the security camera clarity. There was some discussion about motion detector lighting as well. This is something that will be further addressed at a later time.

### **COMMITTEE OPENING**

A member that had originally been appointed to the Park CPC has stepped down, resulting in an opening. The 3 applications of individuals that had applied in the beginning were presented to the group. After review and discussion, the committee agreed to recommend to the City Council that Emily Garland be appointed. This will be on the agenda for the City Council meeting on October 13, 2021.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

As there was no further business, the Park CPC meeting was adjourned at 7:42pm.