

The Community Services Committee of the City Council for the City of Junction City met on Tuesday, August 4, 2015, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 680 Greenwood Street, Junction City, Oregon.

PRESENT WERE: Chair, Karen Leach; Councilor Herb Christianson; Councilor Bill DiMarco; and Community Services Director, Tom Boldon

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Leach called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. NEW BUSINESS

After School Program at Community Center

Director Boldon gave a general overview of the after school program and where he would like to see it in the future. The after school program had been a three day a week program, but the Community Services Staff as well as the Advisory Board would like to see it become five days a week as soon as possible. He explained the history of the after school program, stating that it had started in 2010 as a three day a week program on Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays as the school district offered an after school program on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Because the grant for the after school program at the schools ended in 2013, there was a decline in the number of children that attended at the Community Center as well, because most parents were looking for after school programming five days a week.

3. CONTINUED BUSINESS

Free Little Library Update

Director Boldon informed the Committee that the stand had been delivered and they were in the process to determine the best location at Laurel Park for the Free Little Library.

4. SUB-COMMITTEES

Parks: Parks Projects

Nothing to report.

5. DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Library

Director Boldon reported that things had been going well over the summer for the Library. The summer reading program had been occurring at the Community Center each week and had different individuals telling stories, and singing for the kids.

Parks

The Parks had been busy with lots of activity. There had been a lot of rentals at Laurel Park and Dutch's Field, but two issues had arisen with reservations. Groups had the park reserved but another group had been there when they arrived. Director Boldon made a park reservation sign/board to post at Laurel Gazebo so people can see when others have reservations.

Director Boldon reported that there had been vandalism at the parks. The Men's restroom at Laurel Park had graffiti which Parks Lead McClintock had to close and paint over the graffiti. The sidewalk had two big cracks in it from someone driving over it over the weekend as well.

He also reported that Lyle Day Park had a red liquid on all of the play equipment, underneath the picnic tables, and on the sidewalk. Parks Lead McClintock cleaned up the area.

Pool

Director Boldon stated that the splash bash was held on July 25th, which was a great event. They had about 120-150 people that attended.

Community Center

Camp Sunshine only had three weeks to go and had been working around the festival vendors that week, which the staff had done a great job.

Viking Sal

They had gotten Viking Sal ready for the festival. The next event will be the Big Hush on October 11th.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

A citizen Jack Sumner inquired as to if the City had considered having JCA come back under Community Services.

Director Boldon responded that no one from JCA had contacted him in regards to that.

7. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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