

The Community Services Committee of the City Council for the City of Junction City met on Tuesday, May 5, 2015, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 680 Greenwood Street, Junction City, Oregon.

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. NEW BUSINESS

A Little Free Library

Director Boldon had been contacted by the Coordinator for the Early Literacy Volunteers from the University of Oregon in regards to the City installing the Little Free Library, which was a little box shaped house on a pole that people could give and take reading materials. He thought it was a great idea but wanted to get the Committees feedback and see if this should be pursued.

The Committee was in agreement that it should be pursued and placed near Laurel Park due to high visibility and less opportunity for vandalism.

3. CONTINUED BUSINESS

JC3.1 Run/Walk Fundraiser Update

Director Boldon stated that he had been trying to confirm the sponsors for the run/walk fundraising event and would get flyers out as soon as that had been completed. The Eugene Running Company had donated prizes for the event and had been taking registrations. The funds that were raised would benefit the Community Center kids programming.

4. SUB-COMMITTEES

Parks: Parks Projects

Director Boldon gave an update on the Reserve. At the last Parks Committee meeting, the Tracer family attended and had given the Committee a box of history of that area. The box had contained information that specifically regarded Native American history potentially on the undeveloped park land at 18th and Oaklea Drive. He had been waiting for copies of the information they had been given and would assess the situation after reviewing those.

5. DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Library

Director Boldon had attended the Library Board meeting and had discussed the code of conduct policies. He stated that the policies would not be ready to be posted at the Library until changes had been made to it.

Parks

The restrooms at Laurel Park continued to be closed overnight. The closing time had moved to one hour later, now closing at 8:00 p.m., due to it staying light later.

Director Boldon thanked the Police Department, Public Works, and Parks Lead McClintock for working together as a team to open and close the restrooms. He noted that the vandalism had not occurred since they had closed the restrooms at night.

Councilor Christensen inquired about the Lyle Day Park restrooms being opened.

Director Boldon responded that they had been working on getting Lyle Day Park ready to be a rentable space like Laurel Park.

Director Boldon gave an update on the following parks:

- Oak Meadows – Public Works had fixed the play structure, as it had come apart.
- Bergstrom Park – The play structure had needed a part fixed on it so Parks Lead McClintock would be installing that.

Pool

Interviews had been conducted for the Pool Manager position but they had been waiting on the background check and drug test results before announcing that. The Pool Supervisor applications were due May 8th and lifeguard training was on May 22nd-24th and 29th-31st, with interviews on the 31st.

The locker rooms flooring had been redone and they would redo the office with the same epoxy flooring.

Community Center

Director Boldon informed the Committee that longtime volunteer Ovanna Hareid was retiring on May 15th. She had volunteered at the Community Center for five years since it opened and at the Senior Center prior to that.

Viking Sal

Director Boldon reported that everything was going good there. The Country Swing Shindig was June 28th with the Hanson Family Singers performing.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

A citizen, Jack, discussed the Library hours. He felt that the Library should be open longer so other citizens could have use of it.

Director Boldon responded that it's been a topic that he had discussed before as he felt the community could benefit from the Library having expanded hours.

Chair Karen Leach inquired as to if the "Friends of the Library" could volunteer, or if there was an opportunity for someone to volunteer.

Director Boldon stated that there were opportunities for people to volunteer but he didn't think anyone had ever made that effort to coordinate volunteers. He felt that if they empowered the volunteers to assist, more people would want to be involved.

7. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:11p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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