



NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
CITY OF ALBANY
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
Calapooia Room, City Hall, 333 Broadalbin Street SW
Wednesday, October 5, 2011
6:00 p.m.

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. APPROVE MINUTES September 2011
3. BUSINESS FROM THE PUBLIC
4. ACTION ITEMS
5. DISCUSSION ITEMS
6. REPORTS AND UPDATES
 - a. Capital Projects Update
7. ANNOUNCEMENTS
8. BUSINESS FROM THE COMMISSION
 - a. Timber Ridge track and soccer field project
 - b. Adopted flowerbeds
 - c. Gophers at Timber-Linn
9. NEXT MEETING DATE
The next regularly scheduled meeting date is Wednesday, November 2, 2011.
10. ADJOURNMENT

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**CITY OF ALBANY
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
Calapooia Room, City Hall
Wednesday, September 7, 2011
6:00 p.m.**

MINUTES

Commission members present: Mike Graham, Russ Allen, Sharon Edwards

Commission members absent: Jill Van Buren, Keith Underdahl

Staff present: Ed Hodney, Parks & Recreation Director; Katie Nooshazar, Recreation Program Manager; Rob Romancier, Recreation Program Manager; Craig Carnagey, Parks and Facilities Maintenance Manager; Teresa Nix, Administrative Assistant

Guests: Tyler Whittaker, Judy Whittaker, Don Whittaker

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Mike Graham called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JULY 2011

MOTION: Sharon Edwards moved to approve the July 20, 2011 minutes as presented. Russ Allen seconded the motion, and it **passed** unanimously.

3. BUSINESS FROM THE PUBLIC

a. Presentation by Tyler Whittaker on Parkour or Free Running

Tyler Whittaker gave a presentation on the sport called Parkour which originated in France as a military training technique and which is the art of getting from point to point as quickly as possible. The American version of Parkour is called Free Running; it includes more flips, jumps, and use of obstacles. Whittaker said that he and others would like to have a place to practice; he is proposing that the City consider developing a Parkour or Free Running Park. This would get kids out of the house, encourage them to engage in physical activity, and provide an introduction to a new and unique sport. He encouraged Commissioners to go online and view a YouTube video from Tempest Free Running Academy in California. Brief discussion followed.

Graham suggested that this request be considered as part of the upcoming Park and Recreation Master Plan update process. Parks and Recreation Director Hodney agreed. Hodney said that staff has been working with the Historic Albany Recovery Program (HARP) to recruit a company called "Go Ape" to provide a treetop experience that would contribute to building the brand of Albany as a place for unique experiences; a Free Running park could also fit into that concept. Hodney will keep Whittaker informed as the Park and Recreation Master Plan update proceeds.

4. ACTION ITEMS: None.

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS

Hodney advised that this Commission's recommended changes to the Albany Municipal Code related to park hours and alcohol consumption were considered by the City Council. The Council gave direction in a work session that the changes regarding alcohol consumption were not to be made; however, the Council did accept the recommended changes related to park hours. Staff will present an ordinance implementing those changes at a future Council meeting.

Hodney gave an explanation of the process by which the department will be updating the Park and Recreation Master Plan. Prospective planning consultants will be recruited in October; the public process will likely be initiated in October or November and is expected to take six to nine months.

6. REPORTS AND UPDATES

Capital Project Update

Hodney reviewed the Capital Projects Report:

- Regarding the proposal to purchase time/capacity at Timber Ridge School, the City Council has given staff direction to craft that agreement. The Boys and Girls Club is currently using time at Timber Ridge School but plans to vacate that time when it can build additional facilities at its central location. Staff is working on a presentation for the school district that can be finalized when the Boys and Girls Club timeline is better known.
- Regarding the East Thornton Lake Natural Area, a grant was received from the state parks department and local fund raising efforts continue. The next event will be an auction on October 6 at the Wheelhouse Building. A \$20 ticket includes admission to the event, food, drink, and participation in the auction. Commissioners are invited to purchase a ticket and join the fun.
- Regarding the Bryant Park BMX bike course, the project completion date will be revised. Staff is working on issues related to property ownership and a long term maintenance agreement.
- The Parks and Recreation Master Plan update will provide an opportunity to further reflect on Albany's current wants and needs.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Recreation Program Manager Rob Romancier reported on work done during the Albany Community Pool annual shutdown, including installation of a UV system to improve water and air quality, cleaning and repair of the filter system, pressure washing, cleaning, painting, and carpet replacement. He reported that the paddle boats at Waverly Lake did very well this summer. Softball season is going well; staff has been working with Park Maintenance staff to extend the ball fields at Bryant Park.

Recreation Program Manager Katie Nooshazar reported on the Northwest Art and Air Festival. There were approximately 53,000 attendees, about 23,000 of which attended the Joan Jett concert. Despite the large crowd, there were no serious security issues. Staff will take lessons learned from this year to help ensure that there are no incidents in future years. Overall, it was a very successful event which had a positive impact on the local economy. Brief discussion followed.

Parks and Facilities Maintenance Manager Craig Carnagey reported that maintenance staff is busy wrapping up the summer season and will soon be back into the fall work plan.

8. BUSINESS FROM THE COMMISSION

Graham complimented staff, crew members, and volunteers for a tremendous summer of activities.

9. NEXT MEETING

The next regularly scheduled meeting is Wednesday, October 5, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa Nix, Administrative Assistant

Capital Projects Report

<i>PROJECT</i>	STATUS	PROJECTED COMPLETION DATE	NOTES
Bike Park	Council has approved the Skate Park as the location for the Bike Park; Task Force is raising funds at this time.	TBD	TBD
Bryant Park BMX bike course replacement	Working to replace a previously constructed, unsanctioned bike jumps course in Bryant Park with a new facility in a more manageable location.	Pending plan from bikers	Private funding and volunteer labor with P&R assistance.
East Albany Neighborhood Park Acquisition	City Council has elected not to purchase the property at this time. Staff has been directed to negotiate an option to purchase the site at a later date.	TBD	SDC funded
East Thornton Lake Natural Area	Capital campaign has begun to raise \$100,000 toward acquisition costs by October 2011. \$32,000 pledged to date.	2011	Pepsi settlement funds, Parks SDC, grant funds, private donations
Eleanor Hackleman Park shelter replacement	COMPLETED	June 2011	Private gifts and grants, City resources
Henderson Park playground replacement	Pending resolution of funding issues.	TBD	Grants, donations, annual appropriations
North Albany Neighborhood Park development	CANCELLED. Project has been reprogrammed as ETLNA. City will attempt to sell all or part of the property donated by original developer.		
Park shelters @ Lexington, Tadena, Gibson Hill parks	Postponed due to budget considerations.	Spring 2012	Park SDCs
Pineway Park playground replacement	Indefinitely suspended due to lack of City funds	TBD	Grants, donations, annual appropriations
Tadena Park Wading Pool	Fundraising group established, with target of \$160,000.	TBD	Private funds
Teloh Calapooia Park playground replacement	COMPLETED	Winter 2010-11	Parks and Rec funds, private gifts and grants
Timber Linn Park soccer field improvements	TENTATIVE--AYSO and City are discussing field enhancements to improve playability.	TBD	AYSO, City in-kind
Timer Ridge School track and soccer field	Project under construction.	2011	Pending GAPS contract for track construction
City gyms	Secure use of GAPS and Albany Boys & Girls Club gyms for City programs. City Council has directed staff to proceed with negotiations.	2011-2012	Parks SDC revenues, reallocated from YMCA project