

CROOK COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION DISTRICT
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PRINEVILLE, OREGON 97754

The regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors of Crook County Parks & Recreation District, Crook County, Oregon, was held at the Crook County Fairgrounds, 1280 S Main St in Prineville, on Wednesday, June 08, 2016, called to order by Mr. Carbaugh at 5:12pm.

This was a shortened board meeting due to a scheduled combined meeting with the Crook County Fair Board in regards to the proposed RV Park expansion.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Forest Carbaugh, Linda Smith, Barb Pennington, Jeremy Logan and Casey Kaiser

STAFF PRESENT: Duane Garner, Cassy Sykes, Skip Hinton and Kristen Masten

GUESTS PRESENT: Jeannie Searcy and Donna White

PRIOR MINUTES: A motion was made by Ms. Smith to approve the prior meeting's minutes, seconded by Ms. Pennington and passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BILLS: The list of proposed bills due was reviewed by the board members. It was motioned by Ms. Smith to approve the bills as presented, seconded by Mr. Kaiser and passed unanimously.

DIRECTOR'S OVERVIEW: Mr. Garner stated that the pool is doing well, being used by swim team, lap swimmers and home school children swim lessons. Rhonda Stounder was here this past weekend, she is a professional swim lesson instructor who designed the new swim lesson curriculum we are using this year and she trained our swim instructor staff. Ms. Smith added that it was very educational and enjoyable, she also attended the training.

Mr. Garner stated that the Rotary Club made a substantial donation to the new bike park that is being built and also helped install the fencing.

Mr. Garner stated that he traveled to Salem to do a presentation for the grant he applied for to expand the skate park and resurface the tennis courts. He took local boys that use the current skate park that also participated in his presentation. He felt the presentation went well and that the review board enjoyed it and having the boys with him was an added bonus to them.

Mr. Garner stated that the American Ramp Company will be setting up a composite skate park pump track here in Prineville this summer, in the area of our current skate park, they will set up in the grass. Kids will be able to try out the pump track for the day. A written, more detailed, director's review was provided to the board with further current information on the district, due to the time restraint on the meeting it was not fully covered verbally.

RECREATION: Ms. Masten stated that pool is looking good, she also spent some time at the pool this past weekend while Ms. Stounder was there instructing, stated that it was very informative. She feels that we have a good staff for the pool this year. The pool will be opening to the public this Friday with the kick off of the Ice Cream Social.

Ms. Masten stated that the summer recreation guide has been finished and distributed at several businesses throughout Prineville. Ms. Masten stated that she has been spending the majority of her time getting the football and basketball programs organized and underway for the upcoming seasons. Football will have involvement with Sisters and Madras, basketball will have involvement with Sisters, Madras, LaPine, Warm Springs and possibly Redmond. Basketball will see some other organizational changes also.

Ms. Masten stated Western Daze is lining up well, only about 8 spots left for vendors.

A written, more detailed, report of Ms. Masten's recreation report was provided to the board, due to the time restraint on the meeting it was not fully gone over verbally.

PARKS: Mr. Hinton stated that the parks and pool look good. Fertilizer was applied and grass is growing like crazy.

A written, more detailed, report of Mr. Hinton's park report was provided to the board, due to the time restraint on the meeting it was not verbally gone over.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Auditors are here this week conducting their interim audit, findings will be reviewed with the board.

A written, more detailed, report of Ms. Sykes financial report was provided to the board, due to the time restraint on the meeting it was not verbally gone over.

NEXT MEETING DATE & ADJOURNMENT: The next meeting will be June 22, 2016, at the Crook County Parks & Recreation office. The meeting was adjourned at 5:30pm by Mr. Carbaugh.

This is a continuation of the Crook County Parks & Recreation board meeting previously started, it was briefly paused as the Crook County Fair Board, staff and other guests were invited in.

CROOK COUNTY FAIR BOARD PRESENT: Stanley Flynn, Gail Merritt, Linda Cross and Jerry Brummer

CROOK COUNTY FAIR STAFF PRESENT: Casey Daly

ADDITIONAL GUEST PRESENT: Ken Fahlgren (county commissioner), Seth Crawford (county commissioner) and Tim Ray

Ken Fahlgren gave a presentation on the proposed RV Park expansion that would be placed on the County and Parks & Rec property that are side by side on S Main St. Stating that it would be a great way to support the operating costs of a new pool if the community decides to have a new pool constructed. He stated that he has been approached by several of the contractors that are currently building on the West side of Prineville, they are in need of over 300 RV spaces to accommodate the independent contractors and workers that they are bringing into our area, several of them are having to stay in Redmond, Bend or Sisters and paying very high space rent. Investors have suggested that they will pay for the infrastructure to be placed in order to have more RV spaces available in Prineville for their workers.

Mr. Fahlgren presented a diagram that would place 57 RV spaces in the proposed expansion site, also showing the placement of a potential pool for Parks & Rec and a community hall for the Fairgrounds to replace the current Carey Foster Hall, that could be built in the future utilizing this land further, some of the financial support coming from the revenue of the RV park expansion. Mr. Fahlgren also stated that there are some private parties in town that are trying to get RV parks going to help out with the situation. Mr. Crawford stated that we need to be sure not to step on private parties that are also trying to make revenue in this time of opportunity.

Mr. Fahlgren also presented a written projected revenue layout that could arise from this RV Park expansion. It was asked though how much of this would actually be able to be pocketed. Mr. Fahlgren stated that if the investors pay for the infrastructure then only salaries, maintenance, etc. will come out of that projected gross revenue. He is proposing that Rosendin be allowed to run the RV park for about 5 years, splitting some of the profit with Parks & Rec, then after the 5 years is up to turn over the RV Park to the County and Parks & Rec to be operated similar to the current RV Park contract.

Ms. Searcy stated that the Parks & Rec portion of the property was purchased with SDC (System Development Charges) fee money, which has strict methodology that must be followed as to how the property can be used when that type of funds have been used. These funds are to support the growth of our community and to supply the community with additional recreation needs, such as if more ball fields are needed. The funds are not supposed to support any type of enterprising facility. She also stated that Rimrock Park has strict use guidelines, the property was donated to Parks & Rec, if the use restrictions are not followed then the property will go back to the donor, the property can only be used for recreation purposes.

Ms. Searcy stated that looking at past history of the RV Park, it has never been full for any length of time except around fair time, that once this construction surge is over there will be no need for the RV Park expansion as the main RV Park will have plenty of available spaces again.

Discussion ensued about the possibilities of the proposed RV Park expansion and possible revisions of the plan. It was suggested that all of the RV spaces be placed on County property only, not any on Parks & Rec property. Mr. Carbaugh asked what the possibility would be of removing the RV Park expansion once the necessity for it was gone, either in its entirety or partially, Mr. Daly stated that there would be some cost involved to dig up the asphalt and could just cap off the services so that they could be used again in the future if ever needed.

It was asked what the original purpose of the County purchasing that property was, Mr. Daly stated that it was to build a new community hall or "river house" to replace the existing community hall, Carey Foster Hall, which is at its life expectancy and needs to be replaced, he stated that it might be possible to have the RV Park expansion and then remove part or all of it to build the community hall along the river.

Mr. Kaiser stated that there is a lot of potential revenue for our community being lost by those workers that are not coming into Prineville to stay. They are purchasing their groceries, fuel, RV spaces, etc. in the other towns. It was asked if families are being moved into the area or if workers are just staying during the work week, if there could be potential impact on our local schools, Mr. Kaiser stated that some are families and some are just workers staying throughout the week.

It was asked why the builders do not provide their own RV park areas near their building sites as they have plenty of property available, it was stated that they do not want the liability of having their workers there and would like their workers to leave the area instead of always being right there.

Mr. Garner stated that workers are using Ochoco Lake Campground also, although they can only stay 13 nights at a time and must pay the full daily rate, there is no break given for longer stays, then after 13 nights they must leave the campground and then can return for another 13 nights, which is taking away from non-Prineville residents that want to come into our area to use that campground for actual camping purposes.

It was also suggested that less spaces be put in, Mr. Fahlgren said that the investors that are willing to pay for installing the infrastructure are not interested in anything that has less than 50 spaces.

Mr. Fahlgren stated that he will look at coming up with a new layout for the proposed expansion.

Meeting adjourned at 6:40pm.