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**PARKS COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA
CITY OF ONTARIO OREGON
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2020, 5:30 PM, MT**

1) CALL TO ORDER

Roll Call: Lynn Johnson _____ Michael Miller _____ David Goldthorpe _____ Michele Grimaldo _____
Samuel Castonguay _____ Andrew Maeda _____ Freddy Rodriguez _____

Ex-Officio City Manager _____
Ex-Officio Economic Development Director _____

2) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

This Agenda was posted on September 11, 2020. Copies of the Agenda are available at City Hall and on the city's website at www.ontariooregon.org.

3) MOTION TO ADOPT THE AGENDA

4) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A) Minutes July 16, 2020

5) PUBLIC COMMENTS Citizens may address the Parks Committee; however, the Parks Committee may not be able to provide an immediate answer or response. Out of respect to the members and others in attendance, please limit your comment to three (3) minutes. Please state your name and city of residence for the record.

6) OLD BUSINESS

A) Project Status Updates

7) NEW BUSINESS

A) Discussion on direction of the Parks Committee - Where should our focus be?

8) HAND-OUTS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

9) COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

10) ADJOURN



Inaugural Ontario Parks Committee Meeting

5:30 July 16th, 2020

City Building

344 SW 4th St, Ontario, OR

Attendance:

Committee: Lynn Johnson (LJ), David Goldthorpe (DG), Andrew Maeda (AM), Dan Cummings (DC), Mike Miller (MM), Adam Brown (AB), Freddy Rodriguez (FR), Sammy Castonguay (SC)

- I. Meeting materials were made available during seating.
- II. Meeting to order - 5:32
 - A. Role Call: LJ, DG, AM, DC, MM, AB, SC, arriving after meeting began FR
- III. Pledge of Allegiance
- IV. Motion to Adopt Agenda Motion to approve made by LJ and seconded by SC. Approved 5-0
- V. Old Business
 - A. N/A
- VI. New Business
 - A. Introductions -
 1. Before nominations of positions we spent 2-3 minutes each sharing a bit of our interest in serving on this committee
 - B. Elect Committee Officials -
 1. Lynn nominated Sammy Castonguay as Chair - Not accepted, in desire for Secretary position
 2. Lynn nominated David as Chair and seconded by Andrew Maeda. Motion approved.

3. David nominated Lynn as Vice Chair and seconded by Freddy Rodriguez. Motion approved
4. Andrew nominated Sammy as Secretary and seconded by David Goldthorpe. Motion approved.

VII. Other Planned Agenda Items

A. Current Parks Projects

1. Requested by SC, provided by AB
 - a) *TV Connector Trail*
 - b) *\$10k Service Clubs match program*
 - (1) Second year of matches has been provided to service clubs for \$10,000. Ready for applications
 - c) *Lions Park "hub" park*
 - d) *Tater Tot Trail*
 - (1) \$5 M to build
 - (2) Great advocacy from Mayor
 - (3) 3.2 miles along Snake R
 - (4) "Game Change" project for our community
 - (5) MM share some Ontario history of the area
 - e) *Malheur River Water Trail*
2. Committee commented after presentation, like City direction and great planning
 - a) *Lanterman Kiwanis Park will eventually connect to the Snake River Trail by 5th Avenue Project*
 - b) *Informational kiosks*
 - c) *Pheasants Forever partnership*
 - d) *What is needed to complete "water trail"*
 - (1) Waiting on bids for gang ways and docks. AB on this, We have budgeted \$30k this year.

VIII. Oregon Conservation Strategy

1. Requested and presented by SC
- B. [Oregon Conservation Strategy can be found here](#)
 - a) *Soon to be accepting (small) grants, looking for applications that enhance the public's connection to Fish and Wildlife*
 - b) *Just an FYI, for City, Clubs, etc.*
- C. Palmer Healing Garden
 1. Requested by SC, presented by MM
 - a) *Update "good looking urban space", Civic Pride*

b) *On TV Path!*

D. Branding Campaign

1. Requested by SC, discussion and some presentation from AB

a) *"Dog and Pony show" to showcase parks to citizens, duty as committee members*

b) *AB presents "Gateway to Adventure" logo and City Branding*

IX. Meeting set at Quarterly or as needed

A. Next Meeting set for 5:30 September 17th, 2020, agenda TBD

B. AB will send out Slide Decks for committee persons to talk to their respective Clubs about the Committee

C. All pointed to look thoroughly at the Park Master Plan by DC

X. Adjourn - ~8pm