



Inaugural Ontario Parks Committee Meeting

5:30 July 16th, 2020

City Hall

344 SW 4th St, Ontario, OR

Attendance:

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

Meeting materials were made available during seating.

- I. Meeting to order - 5:32
 - A. Role
- II. Reports
 - A. N/A
- III. Old Business
 - A. N/A
- IV. 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 as Chair
 - a) Not accepted, in desire for Secretary position
 2. Lynn nominated David as Chair
 - a) Accepted, seconded, all vote aye
 3. David nominated Lynn as Vice Chair
 - a) Accepted, seconded, all vote aye
 4. Andrew nominated Sammy as Secretary
 - a) Accepted, seconded, all vote aye
- V. 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) 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 to Snake?
 - b) Informational kiosks
 - c) Pheasants Forever partnership
 - d) What is needed to complete "water trail"
 - (1) Skids, AB on this, ~\$30k
- B. Oregon Conservation Strategy
 - 1. Requested and presented by SC
 - a) [Oregon Conservation Strategy can be found here](#)
 - b) Soon to be accepting (small) grants, looking for applications that enhance the public's connection to Fish and Wildlife
 - c) 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
- VI. 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
- VII. Adjourn - ~8pm

David Goldthorpe, Chairman

5/20/2021

Date