

PARK & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD AGENDA Monday, July 10, 2023 6:30 P.M. – IN PERSON / VIRTUALLY VIA ZOOM

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The Parks & Recreation Board will also have Business from The Audience at the end of the meeting. To speak during this time, please email pwoffice@ci.gladstone.or.us prior to 12:00 p.m. (noon) on July 10, 2023 with your topic of discussion.

- Self-Introductions/Roll Call. Current members of the Park and Recreation Board are: Nancy Turner, Ellen Faber, Bruce Hildreth, David Michael, Kim Agrimson and Kate Cornelius, Justus Mills; Council Liaison Veronica Reichle.
- Approval of June 12, 2023 Minutes

- Business from Staff
 - Meldrum Bar Park, playground survey results
 - SDA project update on Meldrum Bar Park Playground
 - Park maintenance update
- Business from Board –
- Business from the Audience
- Next Meeting August 14, 2023
- Adjourn

GLADSTONE PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 12, 2023

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M. (In Person/and Via Zoom Platform).

PRESENT:

Chair Bruce Hildreth, Nancy Turner, Ellen Faber, Kate Cornelius, Kim Agrimson, Justus Mills

ABSENT:

David Michael

STAFF:

Darren Caniparoli, Public Works Operations Manager; Kristin Bowen, Executive Assistant for Public Works Department; Veronica Reichle, Council Liaison

1. Self-Introductions/Roll Call:

2. Introduction of New Member – Justus Mills

3. Approval of May 8, 2023 Minutes:

Ellen Faber made a motion to approve the minutes. Motion was seconded by Justus Mills. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

4. Business from Staff - Darren Caniparoli:

Update on Site Amenities for City Parks:

He placed the order, and everything has arrived at Public Works. Now it is a matter of getting everything installed – probably this winter sometime.

Update on Meldrum Bar Park Playground:

He had the vendor make some changes to the plans (pertaining to ADA access) – he shared the revised drawings with the Board. He went over the changes in the two options. The next step is posting the information on the City's website and in other locations (parks, etc.) to allow people to vote for their preferred plan. He will bring the results back to the Board for a decision, and then he can place the order. They are looking at some time in the Fall for the installation.

Approval of Memorial Donation Application: Gladstone Nature Park:

This is the plaque that will go along with the second Mayor's tree. Chair Hildreth asked the Board if they wanted to follow the same protocol and accept the plaque – everyone agreed.

Park Maintenance Update:

He said they are a little behind. They still have some bark dust to put out. Mowing is taking almost an entire week to get done. Irrigation is on and fertilizer has been put down. Chair Hildreth asked about the possibility of putting in some shade trees in Max Patterson Park near the play structure because the sun heats everything up in the afternoon. Mr. Caniparoli said he will look into that.

Mr. Mills said the tree house seems like a great idea.

5. Business from the Board:

SDA Dog Park Project at Meldrum Bar Park:

Mr. Caniparoli, Ms. Betz, and Mayor Milch met with the SDA a few weeks ago. The SDA was going to meet to decide if this dog park idea was something they would be able to tackle – they haven't heard back from them yet. He is working on getting pricing for the materials. If this plan doesn't work out there are other projects they can work on within the parks. There was discussion regarding the size, cost, etc.

• Robin Hood Park – Status of Swing Placement and Basketball Hoop Installation:

The swing will be ordered/installed in the Fall – at the same time as the Meldrum Bar playground equipment to save some money. The basketball hoop should be installed soon.

• Nature Park – Paved Trail Project:

They are still waiting to hear from the State and Feds for approval. He is guessing it will be sometime in April before everything is approved.

• Olsen Wetlands:

They will need to do a site plan, look into grant opportunities, etc. They want to make sure this is included in the Board's goals next time around.

Councilor Reichle asked for an overview of what the project entails. Nancy Turner said that Neil Schulman with Northwest Watershed has gotten funding for projects in Rinearson Creek and Kellogg Creek. They gave a presentation to the Parks Board and the Board thought it would be great to go ahead and see what could be done – such as a boardwalk over the wetlands to make it more accessible to everyone, research opportunities, etc. At this point it's just waiting for the go ahead to start looking at funding opportunities.

High Rocks Restrooms:

Mr. Caniparoli said they have installed portable toilets there – they are secured to the fence and the main bathrooms there are closed/locked right now.

6. Round Table:

Kim Agrimson asked if the police patrol the parks and if so, to what extent. Mr. Caniparoli said they do. They also have a contract with a security company who does patrols on weekends. He doesn't know the frequency. Chair Hildreth said if the police are called regarding an issue at a park the police respond quickly.

Nancy Eichsteadt said she is so excited to see so many projects so close to actually getting started. She said she appreciates Mr. Caniparoli's time and attention.

7. Business from the Audience:

None.

8. Meeting Adjourned:

There was no motion to adjourn the meeting, but it was a unanimous decision to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 P.M.

**Next meeting will be on July 10th, 2023.