

MINUTES
Park System Master Plan Advisory Committee
Meeting #4
Newport City Hall Council Chambers
December 13, 2018

Committee Members Present: Ryan Bancroft, Bob Berman, Mark Saelens, Jason Nehmer, Preson Phillips, Beatriz Botello, Stephanie Russell, and Tomas Follett.

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City Staff Present: Associate Planner, Rachel Cotton; Park and Recreation Director, Jim Protiva; and Executive Assistant, Sherri Marineau.

Consultants Present: Matt Hastie, Mike Faha, and Jennifer D'Avanzo.

1. **Call to Order & Roll Call.** Meeting started at 4:06 p.m.
2. **Approval of Minutes.** Cotton asked for input on minutes. None were heard.
3. **Welcome and Status Report on Outreach Summary.** Hastie gave a status report to the AC and reviewed the agenda for the meeting. He said the consultants expected to have the draft of the Park System Master Plan (PSMP) in mid-January. Cotton reviewed the outreach summary. She said there would be one more survey done for the draft PSMP. Cotton noted that the dot boards that had been posted around the city had an overwhelming feedback of people wanting trails. Cotton noted the Port had implemented a new boat dock where the public could launch kayaks. They were hoping to improve the docks behind Rogue Brewery and were closing the bike and pedestrian loop there. Cotton noted that Surf Rider wanted to promote universal beach access. She would be meeting with them to discuss improvements with the Nye Beach program and how they might be able to partner with the city. She said there would also be a Spanish focus group meeting for feedback.
- 4A. **Park System Improvements - Revision.** Hastie reviewed the rationale for removing and including projects into the PSMP. He noted the table on Pages 7 and 8 on the PSMP gave a synopsis of the rationale. Cotton noted that public feedback suggested the city should retain all the documentation that what was done in the process for reference later. Hastie opened the discussion for AC comments on the revisions.

Bancroft said that when the AC talked at the first meetings they said they wanted sport events and fields, but he didn't see it included in the PSMP. He thought it was important that they be included. Botello noted the Spanish community also wanted a covered sport area. Cotton said it was up in the air on what be happening with the County Commons and one of the concepts was to have a multi-use area on the property. This was one instance of fields being included. She noted Big Creek Park was considered a shelter in a park. Bancroft said he wanted to see a complex to facilitate sporting events. Cotton noted they determined the proposal to use the wastewater treatment site as an opinion for fields was a bad idea. Follett asked about the Yaquina View open space. Cotton said she hadn't heard anything about this site. Hastie pointed out that there was still gaps but thought the County Commons should be a part of filling the gap. He said there needed to be a way to point out in the plan that they needed a site. This way they could come up with a rough estimate of costs of doing a site without having a specific site. Bancroft thought it would have been good to get feedback from the public on this, but it wasn't included. Hastie said there might be an opportunity to ask the public that question. Cotton said the challenge was there was no obvious site for a complex but it was worth including.

4B. **Park System Priorities – Updated Recommendations.** Hastie reviewed the list of the proposed master plan project list. He noted that the specifics on the projects would not be included in the master plan but would be handled by facilities. Hastie noted at the last meeting there was a suggestion to move the Don and Ann Davis Park up higher on the priorities for concept diagrams and it was done.

Hastie asked the AC for changes and comments about the list and noted that there had been a lot of trail improvements and connections on Tier I and Tier II. Nehmer asked if the trail improvements from Betty Wheeler and Sam Moore were conceptual. Hastie said that was their understanding. Cotton noted that Nancy Steinberg had a comment to

identify gaps in park service and why the new parks that were needed weren't higher on the list. She said that acquiring new property and building a new park was a long term expensive process more so than doing less expensive updates of existing parks. Cotton said the question was about how to fix the gaps that have been identified. She wanted the AC to know this had been considered but there was a lot of feedback from the public that said they were concerned about if Newport needed new parks when they couldn't maintain what they currently had. Cotton thought this should be the top tier priority based on public feedback.

Hastie noted the lists of priorities for the conceptual diagrams. He said the pocket park on 7th Street was replaced by Don and Ann Davis Park on the list and explained the rationale. Bancroft said he would rather see 7th Street be done. Protiva said the stumbling part was that it was a Public Works property that they used all the time. We would have to find a replacement if it was taken away. Protiva said they wanted to focus on places where they could actually do something at. He said the thought was that they should keep the spot in mind for a future space. Cotton said in the public survey it was second to last on the bottom of priorities.

4C. Park System Master Plan – Approach, Structure and Timeline. Hastie reviewed the draft PSMP outline and asked the AC for questions and comments. Follett thought they needed trail standards and needed to delve more into the details. Hastie said the details weren't usually in this type of plan. Follett said he had some international design guidelines he could share.

Hastie reviewed the capital improvement component with the AC. He noted Eco Northwest was another consultant they worked with that looked at financials pertaining to the PSMP. Cotton noted the city had great volunteerism and people who wanted to help. There wasn't a current mechanism to coordinate this but thought the plan would give them a template for volunteer agreement to be able to manage and start projects.

Saelens said he was amazed at how the AC worked with the consultants and thought it was a job well done. Protiva thanked the AC for all their efforts. Nehmer said he was impressed with the commitment in the community to do these types of things.

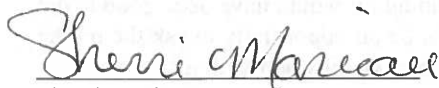
Cotton noted the AC would have another meeting in January. Hastie said there would be outreach on the schematic designs. Cotton said she would be recruiting AC members to attend events. Botello asked if there was a way to incorporate ideas from the Latino community into the draft plan. Hastie said they weren't finished with the plan and the AC could still look at including new ideas into it. Russell said she was with the OSU Extension Services. They had an interest in projects that promoted healthy eating and she saw projects in the PSMP that they could do this with. Russell said there would be ways to add tools to get the community engaged and they could help with getting input from voices the AC thought hadn't been heard yet. Cotton would coordinate with Russell and Botello in areas that need more engagement.

Berman said he thought there needed to be some materials for the public that indexed what parks there currently were and what they provided. This could be done by an app or brochures. Hastie suggested it fall under different implementation efforts.

5. **Public Comment.** None heard.

6. **Adjournment.** Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Sherri Marineau
Executive Assistant