

**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING  
BANDON CITY HALL  
July 14, 2016**

**Present:** Chair Harv Schubothe (4-0), Commissioners Donnie Goddard (0-0), Ollie Jones (4-0), Troy Russell (1-7), Esther Williams (1-1)

**Staff:** Interim City Manager Matt Winkel, Public Works Director Richard Anderson, City Planner Brad Owens, Minutes Clerk Blythe Tiffany

**Absent:** Commissioner Zac Pounder

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Schubothe.

**2. Roll Call**

Roll Call was taken as indicated above, with Commissioners reporting their meeting time, listed first, and outside work time.

**3. Approval of Minutes**

**3.1 June 16, 2016**

Copies of the minutes of the June 16, 2016, meeting had been provided. Russell moved for approval, Williams seconded the motion, and it was passed unanimously, 5:0.

**4. New Business**

**4.1 Recommendation from Subcommittee for Purchase of Playground Equipment**

Commissioners had been provided with copies of a play structure viewed from various angles.

Winkel explained that the primary play structure in the City Park had been falling apart and had become hazardous enough to require removal, especially in light of the recent court decision regarding recreational immunity (Cities cannot be sued, but individual employees can). That piece of equipment was very popular, so the Playground Subcommittee met and gathered input from users. Research was done, and it was determined that \$100,000 would be sufficient to purchase and install a new structure, with funds left over to purchase other equipment, or use for grant matching funds. It was determined that the purchase of a new structure would be eligible for Urban Renewal funding, and on the previous Monday evening (July 11), the City Council/Urban Renewal Agency Board allocated an amount "not to exceed \$100,000" out of Urban Renewal District 2 for that purpose.

Winkel noted that the money is now available, and the question before the Commission is what to put in. He noted that the user input indicated that they liked slides and climbing things, and added that the recommended play structure could be purchased in fairly short order.

Owens stated that the structure seemed to fit with what the users want. He noted that there were no roofs, so older children would not be tempted to climb on them. He stated that the previous Friday he had met with the head of the company which sells the equipment, and was advised that the price would be \$65,000, delivered and installed.

In answer to a question from Williams, Owens stated that the new structure would fit exactly in the space where the old structure had been.

Winkel noted, in response to a question from Goddard, that the equipment was over 20 years old.

Jones stated that the City of Eugene had just shut down a huge play area due to maintenance issues, and that equipment was ten years old.

Winkel Pointed out that the Public Works crew had done a lot of maintenance work on that equipment over the years, in order to keep it usable.

Goddard asked how the new equipment would weather, and Owens explained that there was a warranty on the hardware – 100 years, plastic – 15 years, and moving parts – 5 years.

During the discussion which followed, Hollie Jurkowski stated that she had spoken to other users through social media, and they had indicated a preference for plastic/metal construction, with opportunities for climbing and slides. Commissioners agreed with the assessment that the midrange age group (5-12 yrs) for this structure would work for younger children, as well, as this was also the age group recommendation for the old structure, and younger children enjoyed it.

When asked about the timeline, Owens indicated that the structure would most likely be in by September. It was noted that, although the City might be able to save money by installing the equipment, rather than having the company do it, the Public Works Department simply would not have the time to do it, as that is an especially busy time of year.

Williams asked Owens to “walk through” the structure, and Owens explained that it begins with climbing items, including a mock rock wall and various items to climb through and around; there are different kinds of steps leading up to multi-level platforms, and four slides from various levels, which are constructed like open half-tubes.

In discussing colors, it was agreed that, although primary colors might be more attractive to children, earth tones would blend in better with park surroundings.

It was agreed that the decision to exclude roofs was a good one, and Jones noted that the users had not wanted enclosed tubes (like those in the old play structure), as they are unsanitary and hard to keep clean. She stated that she appreciated the support from Urban Renewal, and that other things need to continue to happen, other features need to be looked at, and successful fund-raising needs to be done.

Goddard moved to purchase the structure, as described, at the quoted cost of \$65,000. Williams seconded the motion, which was passed unanimously, 5:0.

Schuboth stated that he appreciated Jones’ comments, and that the Commission needs to continue working on an overall plan.

Jones added that there is a need to “capture the moment,” and thanked Jurkowski for stepping forward and getting user input.

Russell pointed out that, now that the primary piece of play equipment is not there, this would be a good time to launch a fund-raising effort.

Winkel noted that there is also a need for ADA-compliant equipment.

Schubothé stated that the City could announce that a start has been made, and it is now inviting the public into the process of creating a broader plan, including fund-raising. He added that he hoped that Jurkowski would continue to work with the Playground Subcommittee.

Jones was concerned about the lasting power of the equipment, and stated that the City needs to know where else the company has installed it in a coastal community.

Dean Conyers commented that, if the company is willing to warrantee its hardware for 100 years, it must know the area where it is going in.

Owens noted that the head of the company had lived in Bandon at one time.

#### **4.2 Music In The Park – Commission’s Role**

[See April 14, 2016 Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes.]

Schubothé noted that the Commission had discussed becoming co-sponsor with the Greater Bandon Association (GBA) of the Music In The Park events.

Dean Conyers, in charge of Music In The Park, went through the schedule, including the National Guard Band on July 24, then again on July 26 at the Sprague Theater. He stated that he was solidifying the August concert schedule, as had previously been discussed; this should be accomplished by Monday (July 18).

Schubothé asked what was needed from the Commission for July 24, and Conyers replied that people just need to be there to show support.

It was noted that the concert is free, and there was some discussion of perhaps passing around donation containers, and allow performers to sell CD’s. Conyers stated that the National Guard cannot accept any kind of payment or donations.

Williams noted that, in the advertising, people should be told to bring chairs and related items for their comfort. Further discussion on getting the word out included putting the schedule on the City’s website and listing upcoming concerts on the Barn’s reader board.

#### **5. Staff Update**

Jones inquired regarding the RC people, as she had not noticed any work being done, and Russell stated that he had been in contact with Glenn Hamilton, and was advised that the group is working on it.

## **6. Commission Liaison Reports**

### **6.1 Bandon Arts Council**

Schuboth noted that this item can be deleted from future agendas.

### **6.2 Committee for Citizen Involvement (CCI)**

Schuboth reported that there had been no meeting in July, and the group will meet in August. He added that the CCI will endeavor to assist the Bandon Utilities Commission in getting out information regarding the upcoming utility rate ballot issue.

### **6.3 Tree Subcommittee**

It was noted that there had been no meeting.

## **7. Public Input – None**

## **8. Open Discussion**

Russell noted three items: (1) He stated that he had spoken with people at the youth center regarding planting around the stage area as a community service project, so the City now needs to purchase some plantings. (2) He had seen Tina Peterson, who used to live here, and had moved back, and that she makes wind screens; he will meet with her out at the City Park to see what can be done. (3) As he had discussed at the June 16 meeting, he again pointed out that people are crossing 11<sup>th</sup> Street from the play area, and walking to the bathrooms through the Park Host's area—as directed by signage. He noted that plantings had been done, but it will take some time for them to grow. He suggested some kind of screening walls, perhaps of lattice, as well as moving the sign so that it points to the path to the bathroom, rather than the Park Host's area.

Schuboth thanked all who had participated in Alive After Five on July 4, noting that 242 glasses had been sold. He stated that other events had gone well, also, and noted that funds raised would go toward advertising and Christmas events.

## **9. Other – None**

## **10. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

Blythe Tiffany  
Minutes Clerk