

MINUTES
Warrenton Parks Advisory Board
October 11th, 2021
Warrenton City Hall – Commission Chambers
225 S. Main
Warrenton, OR 97146

Parks Board Members Present: Chairperson Sara Long, Ron Dyer, Carol Snell, Brooke Terry, Vice Chair Bert Little.

Staff Present: Hallie Homolac; Public Works Executive Secretary, Kyle Sharpsteen; Public works Operations Manager

CONSENT CALANDAR

A. Minutes of June 14th Meeting

Vice Chair Bert Little made the motion to approve the minutes of the June 14th meeting minutes. Board member Ron Dyer seconded the motion, and all board members were in favor.

B. Chair Elections

Ms. Snell nominated Chairperson Long to remain in her position, Ms. Long accepted, Mr. Dyer seconded the motion, and all board members were in favor. Mr. Dyer nominated Vice Chair little to remain in his position, Mr. Little accepted, Ms. Snell seconded the motion, and all board members were in favor.

REPORTS

Warrenton Kids Inc. – Debbie Little reported to the board that Warrenton Kids Inc starts back up in January with sports enrollment. The board discussed that a field use agreement should be in place before January and should take priority at the next November meeting. Vice Chair Little also brought attention to the board that there should be an agreement for VFW's use of the concession stands.

Northwest Coast Trails Coalition – Tessa Scheller reported to the board that the Northwest Coast Trails Coalition will cease their organized public service and close its doors. Tessa noted that the trails group and predecessor, Warrenton Trails Association, have been instrumental in the advocacy, planning, and building of trails throughout the region for decades. They were able to assist with planning and writing the 2008 Master Trails Plan for Warrenton and then leverage public and private funds to build most of the Waterfront Trail. Significant segments of that Waterfront Trail now await further action on the City's part including the long planned and promised connection to Ft Stevens State Park at Seafarers Park. She notes that trail usage has increased 200% nationally as people find hiking to be the number one outdoor family activity.

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BUSINESS ITEMS

Chairperson Long would like to move forward with a cornhole tournament next may and is seeking the boards approval to move forward with planning the event and money that is raised will be used at the discretion of the board. Vice Chair Little made the motion to approve plans to move forward with the cornhole tournament and all board members were in favor.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Terry Arnall presented to the board a few issues with the ramp at the kayak dock. The current ramp is very steep, and you must lift your kayak over the rail to get over the dock which is a hazard and near impossible for one person. Terry referenced an EZ Port Max which is what the City of Seaside uses as their kayak launch to make it ADA accessible. Mr. Little noted that the debris amount we get in the Skipanon is much greater than what seaside get and that might become an issue.

Discussion moved to the Library of Things. Chairperson Long got in touch with the Warrenton Library about renting park equipment and they are seeking donations for various play equipment for the public to rent.

Vice Chair Little brought attention to the board that he would like to see the parks board ask the city for a tax base, Chairperson long deferred this discussion until the December meeting.

There being no further business, Chairperson Long adjourned the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

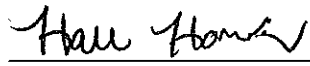
Next regular meeting is scheduled for December 13th, 2021, at 4:00 p.m.

Approved

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Sara Long, Chair

Attest



Hallie Homolac, Secretary