

MINUTES – SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING
Warrenton Parks Advisory Board
November 8th, 2021
Warrenton City Hall – Commission Chambers
225 S. Main
Warrenton, OR 97146

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

Staff Present: Hallie Homolac; Public Works Executive Secretary, Kyle Sharpsteen; Public Works Operations Manager, Scott Hazelton; Community Development Director.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Mark Simonsen requested a brief discussion at the budget meeting to address his complaint on the use of the baseball and softball fields at the City Park. His chief complaint is Warrenton Kids Inc. controlling the fields and allotment of who, when and where, stating that 4 baseball teams take up the use of two fields and 11 softball teams use the other two fields. Chairperson Long reiterated from our joint meeting in August that we have been directed by the City Commission to reserve the two ballfields for hardball and the other two ballfields for softball as much as possible. Board member Dyer suggested coordinating with the high school for the use of their fields. The board decided to postpone further discussion until the field use agreement has been completed.

Discussion on park projects continued. Mr. Dyer proposed to the board that there be a 10-12-foot-wide walking trail around the new Warrenton Middle School. Mr. Sharpsteen reiterated from last year's budget meeting that the board had decided to hold off on capital improvement projects and focus on the top priority projects and completing smaller projects. Chairperson Long suggested that the board votes on focusing on smaller and more affordable projects such as the triangle park sign for this year's budget.

Vice-Chair Little questioned whether the forest rim park was still the top priority. The board hadn't heard any updates on the subject and there hadn't been a committee formed in Forest Rim for maintaining the park. Chairperson Long will find out from the mayor where things have left off.

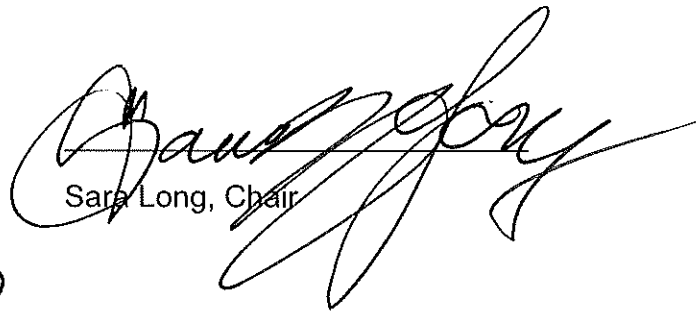
Chairperson Long mentioned that the mayor will be at the next meeting to present the metal sign for the historical Hammond district to the board.

The board turned the discussion to what projects they prefer to get done in the next five years. Mr. Dyer mentioned that he would love to see a ballpark at the Fort Stevens Parade Ground in Hammond. The board unanimously decided to focus on smaller projects and maintenance and to let the capital improvement funds roll into next year.

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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



Sara Long, Chair

Attest



Hallie Homolac, Secretary