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From: DAVID LAUFER <davelaufer1960@gmail.com>
Date: Thu, Apr 27, 2023 at 6:21 AM
Subject: Re: 4-11-23 meeting minutes
To: Chuck Price <cmpricefamily@gmail.com>

Hi Sheila.

Below are the minutes from our WCDC 4/11 meeting.

Thanks

On Sun, Apr 23, 2023 at 11:24 AM Chuck Price <cmpricefamily@gmail.com> wrote:
Joint meeting with WCDC and Parks and Recreation Commission (their working session)

Members present: Dave Laufer, Chuck Price, Arlene Winn, Mike Kilgore, Darla Joy
Juan Avila, Kris Rasmussen, John Holt, Anne Boyd, Loy Knudsen
Guests: Greg Phillips, Jennifer Lantz

Dave commented that the City Council and we also see a potential overlap of responsibilities regarding improvements within the City. We need to discuss whether our two commissions should merge into one commission or remain as separate commissions.

Anne asked what is the WCDC's role in the community. She was then given copies of the WCDC's vision and mission statement and the listing of the WCDC's accomplishments since 2001 for their information and records.

Juan commented that the Parks and Recreation Commission was responsible for the parks and buildings within the parks in the City.

We then discussed the City's 10-year plan which is on the City website under the Documents icon.

Juan commented if we do some project in the City we need to consider how it will affect the City's maintenance crews. We need to try not to create more burdens and work for them. The City's 10-year plan was published by a group of Portland State University students on February 17, 2016.

Dave read the WCDC's mission statement originally published in 2001.

Juan reported that Parks and Recreation commission's 3-5 year plan was to replace the wooden fence behind the Heritage Wall and fix the fountain and fish at the Mini-Park. He stated that both of these projects were put on hold due to the Covid lockdowns. He also thought we could replace the old fountain with a new fountain and play area for the community's children.

Arlene stated that we needed to discuss the maintenance of the Rose Garden-specifically how best to remove the volunteer hawthorne tree which is shading and detrimental to the rose plants.

Chuck suggested that we should pass a joint resolution to remove this volunteer hawthorne tree. Juan stated that since this was a working session for the Parks and Recreation Commission that their commission could not officially pass that motion until their next official meeting.

We then extensively discussed the pros and cons of merging our two commissions. All agreed that there was strength in numbers with a merger but that conflicted big time with only having 50 percent availability to pursue grant funding for improvement projects for the two commissions within the City. Juan stated that their commission uses their \$500 City line item as seed money to pursue grants.

The WCDC then continued our regular meeting and the Parks and Recreation Commission members were released to depart the Hall.

The WCDC members passed a motion to stay as separate commissions as this action will double the grant opportunities for City improvements.**and** that we would meet quarterly with the Parks and Recreation Commission to discuss common goals for the City.

We then passed a motion to remove the hawthorne tree from the Rose Garden.

Greg Phillips stated that he had received a bid from Michael Jones to remove the hawthorne tree for \$700-800.

We then elected new officers Dave Laufer is the new Chairman, Arlene Winn is the new Treasurer and Darla Joy is the new Secretary.

It was noted that the Parks and Recreation Commission meets the last Monday of each month at 6:30 pm and they do sometimes have zoom meetings.

The next WCDC meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 24, 2023 at 6:30 pm at the Hall.

Chuck Price