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MINUTES-DRAFT

ASHLAND PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION Recreation Division Advisory Committee (R-DAC) November 21, 2024; 4– 5:30pm In-person Meeting at 340 S. Pioneer St. Ashland, OR 97520

Present:

Commissioners: Jim Lewis and Jim Bachman.

RDAC Advisory Committee Members: Risa Buck, Cori Grimm, Sophia Blanton, Michael Dotson

Recreation Manager; Lonny Flora, Deputy Director; Rachel Dials, Parks and Recreation Director; Rocky Houston

4:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Chair Grimm at 4:01 pm

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Minutes from September 19, 2024, Meeting. Buck moved to approve. Blanton 2nd. Dotson abstained. All yes.

ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

- NONE

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- NONE

STANDING REPORTS

- **Recreation Division Updates: Lonny Flora, Recreation Manager**
 - Ashland Rotary Centennial Ice Rink is opening this Saturday November 23rd.
 - Staff are finalizing the Winter/Spring 2025 program guide. Will to print in early December
 - UB staff are moving out of the grove in Mid-December. This means that APR will be able to program the Otte-Peterson Conference room for classes and city meetings starting in mid to late January 2025.
- **Admin Updates: Rachel Dials, Deputy Director:**
 - CIP Public Feedback: APR is taking feedback on the Capital Improvement Project 6-year plan. Available on the Website
 - Staff is working on the preliminary budget for next biennium

- Kirsten Came is the new EE Program Manager that will start work on December 9th.
- Salmon festival on October 12th saw over 1000 people in attendance
- Japanese Garden visitors have increased during the month of November.
- **APRC Liaison Report: Jim Bachman**
 - Updated the committee on the process of both of the Ordinances. #3244 and #3248
 - Gave brief budget update

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Lonny Flora gave a presentation on the Lithia Park Pickleball Survey Results ([link here](#))
- Lonny Flora gave a presentation on the Daniel Meyer Pool Survey Results ([link here](#))
- **Update on Commissions and Committees:** Rachel Dials discussed the current draft ordinance 3244.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Community Center Management Advisory Committee(MAC) Update:** Cori Grimm gave an update on her involvement on the MAC and that the goal is to make a recommendation to council on the construction of the Community Center Building. She asked that APR staff follow up with Public Works to ensure that the rooms labeled “staff offices” are hardwood instead of carpet to allow flexibility for programming options.
- **RDAC Chair/Vice Chair selection 2025:** This will be an action item in January.
- **RDAC Committee Member Recruitment:** The committee discussed how to recruit new members. RDAC has 3 spots to fill in order to get to 7 voting members. There will be an open application process for 30 days beginning in January. Staff will send out information to the Committee on RDAC so that the committee can recruit on their own.

Next Meeting January 16, 2025

Meeting adjourned at 5:15pm