

CHEHALEM PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
CPRD Administration Office
125 S. Elliott Road
July 22, 2021
MINUTES

I. Lisa Rogers called the meeting to order 6:00 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Board members

Lisa Rogers

Bart Rierson

Don Loving - arrived 6:04 p.m.

Jim McMaster

Gayle Bizeau

Mike McBride, Honorary Member

CPRD Staff

Don Clements, Superintendent

Casey Creighton, Basic Services Supervisor/Park and Facilities Supervisor

Julie Petersen, Special Services Supervisor/Recreation Supervisor

Kellan Sasken, Special Services/Golf Director (remotely)

Public

Peter Renwick, Newberg Pickleball Club

Hunter Wylie, Newberg Pickleball Club

Michael Kringlen, Newberg Pickleball Club president

Carol Foley, Board: Friends of Yamhelas Westsider Trail (remotely)

Wayne Wiebke, Board: Friends of Yamhelas Westsider Trail (remotely)

Crystal Poczynek

Jim Talt, CPRD Budget Committee member

Mike Gunn

Beth Keyer

John Petersen

Stan Kosmicki

Leonard Johnson

Beekay Lyda

Zachary Lyda

Jack Lyda

Kyler Diefenbaugh

Judy Brown

Neil Cohen, Newberg Pickleball Club

Crhis and Lisa K (illegible sign in)

David Larson
Janette B
Cathi Young
Mark Colby
Jesse Cadd
Kerri Cadd
Scott Twenge
(Plus three illegible signatures)

- III.** Approval of agenda
Item F up to B under public participation
Moved Bart Rierson
Second Gayle Bizeau
Passed unanimously

- IV.** Approval of consent agenda
a. Approval of minutes of regular Board meeting June 24, 2021
b. Approval of bills payable
c. Approval of June financials
Moved Jim McMaster
Second Gayle Bizeau
Passed unanimously

- V.** Public participation
a. Mayor of Newberg Rick Rogers administered the Oath of Office to incoming Board members Lisa Rogers (incumbent), Jim McMaster and Gayle Bizeau and made welcoming remarks, acknowledging outgoing members as well.
b. Discussion on legal counsel's response on issue of Honorary Board Members, and Newberg city councilor Mike McBride's remarks objecting to proposed proclamation of LBQT Day in a recent city council meeting. Lisa Rogers led discussion by explaining legal counsel response. Mike Gunn spoke for assembled crowd (approximately 40) in defense of Mike McBride, objected to the notion of removing Mike McBride as an Honorary Board Member, and said that CPRD had no business getting involved in this, and the only reason that it was involved was because certain people were offended. He accused the Board of removing McBride in order to punish him because people were offended by his remarks.
Don Loving explained that John Bridges is legal counsel to CPRD; a question was raised at the previous meeting, and CPRD sought legal counsel.
Mike Dorman asked whether legal counsel letter was an opinion; this was confirmed.

Judy Brown said people are upset at idea of ripping this award away from McBride and urged Board to consider ethical part besides legal.

Mike McBride said this is political and nothing else, and the City needs to stay out of political things, and the park district needs to stay out of political arenas. If he were on the Board, he said, he would urge the Board to drop the whole thing, because it's political and nothing else.

Brian Shannon said this is an act of retribution for something that he said at City Council, and government should not punish free speech.

Jack Lyda talked about "cancel" culture, and society choosing to be offended by interpretations of what people say and urged tolerance.

Mike Gunn had resolution signed in June of 2017 which he said that three Board members had signed, and said this "smells of bad faith."

John Rodder said this would create bigger divisions and "bad things will happen because of this, more crime."

Lisa Rogers closed public participation at 6:36 p.m.

Discussion: Recollection that Donna McCain was previous member to receive this title. Loving asked that people not be offended if the Board seeks legal opinion on matters that are new to them, "because it's a good thing to do; we're not experts in law." Loving said he had no intention of removing this ceremonial title, so the testimony had not swayed him at all, and reminded the crowd that there had been no motion to remove his title.

Bart Rierson said what have characterized as "special rights" are "equal rights" and no one has "different rights from the rest of us." While he disagrees with Mike's characterization of special rights to certain groups, he wishes to honor his 36 years of service, and respects his opinion.

"Equal privileges are not special privileges," said Rierson.

Jim McMaster said he saw no problem with giving ceremonial title, as past Boards had done, and said that it is normal for the Board to seek information from legal counsel in order to understand something.

Lisa Rogers said elected officials must be careful of what we say, because we "represent the entire community." The LGBT community was offended, it is a time for reflection for elected officials to examine whether they said something offensive, and she reiterated that the job of elected officials is to be representative of everybody.

Mike McBride broke in and said he completely disagreed.

Lisa Rogers agreed that it was okay to disagree, and said this was about making sure that everyone in the community could use the Park's and City's amenities, and continue to build the community without divisions.

Discussion: Rogers said that (John Peterson) had made a request to remove Mike. McMaster said he saw no reason for any action. Loving agreed.

Loving requested a 5-minute recess at 6:50 p.m.

VI. Action items/committee reports/Board comments

- a. Motion to accept the 2019-20 audit.
Lisa Rogers noted that there were things in the management letter which should be addressed.
Moved Bart Rierson
Second Jim McMaster
Passed unanimously
- b. Contract for Phase I of Newberg-Dundee Bypass Trail: Casey Creighton said he was not prepared to make recommendation. Tabled to August.
- c. Discussion of Crabtree Park entrance road. Creighton gave update: nothing is likely to happen this year; he gave raw cost estimates and explained the options on whether to replace the culvert with a much larger size fish culvert, and/or to take mitigation measures. Creighton is concerned that it could fail. If it fails, he said, CPRD will be allowed to put in an emergency culvert in. Clements told the Board that if he feels it is a safety concern, he will close the park.
- d. Discussion of Newberg Pickleball Club request for improvements. Hunter Wiley presented a proposed multi-court facility, pointing to Bend pickleball complex at Pine Nursery Park as a model to follow. Julie Petersen said an ideal location would be the old tennis courts at Renne Field, owned by Newberg School District, and urged they talk with Larry Hampton. Don Clements said prior school boards had said no, because they wanted to build a middle school there at that time; he said he would approach them again and see. He recommended that the president appoint a board member to look at this and we put this in next year's budget. Bart Rierson said we hear presentations on pickleball probably every other meeting, and that the board is aware of its popularity and the need for a facility. Petersen also suggested Dundee Billick Park as a possibility, depending on NSD's plans for the school there. Jaquith Park was raised as another possibility, albeit with limited parking. Clements recommended a seven-member advisory committee, to be appointed by the Board, to be advertised. McMaster made supportive comments of the sport. Judy Brown encouraged CPRD to look beyond Jaquith Park, because those courts are valued for tennis, and it is difficult to play courts once they are striped for both.
- e. Nelson Research Trails survey update - Kat Ricker reported that PA Counsel anticipated finishing this evening and providing a full report tomorrow.
- f. Reports and comments from Board members
Don Loving - Wished to elect Board officers at this meeting.
Lisa Rogers - CCC is nearing fundraising goal for final phase of (upstairs) renovation.

Bart Rierson - Willamette Riverkeepers held Pinot Paddle last weekend, and Fall Harvest Paddle will happen in September. He said his wife had hoped for free introductory visits to aquatic and fitness center.

VII. Old business/project updates -

- a. Casey Creighton gave updates on RFP process for Newberg-Dundee Bypass Trail (Hess Creek Bridge) - two companies submitted; Board has been provided with copies of these proposals.
Need to put out an RFP for a planner; legal counsel had recommended that we submit a Parks Master Plan with Yamhill County, in order to apply for proposed campground; this will also help with parks, for progress at County level.
Five fires started at Ewing Young Park in past two weeks; CPRD is working with police and fire department on their investigations.
OSHA temporary heat rules for workers have recently been introduced.
Jim McMaster asked why broken television sets had not been fixed at the aquatic and fitness center, and urged them fixed, since the user fees had just been raised. Discussion with Creighton on Pearlite release issues and the company Anderson, and the HVAC system.
Capacities at all facilities are full (now that pandemic restrictions have lifted).

VIII. From the superintendent's desk

- a. Financial report – No comments
- b. Superintendent's report – No comments
- c. Staff reports – See Staff Reports in packet for details.
 - i. Recreation: Julie Petersen - Camps are packed. First Darnell Wright tournament is being planned.
 - ii. Public Information: Kat Ricker - invited the Board to the Gone to the Dogs event at Dundee Friday Night Market tomorrow, and reminded them of Newberg-Dundee Bypass Tour Aug. 10th.

IX. Correspondence

- A. Citizen comments/evaluations – See packet
- B. Miscellaneous - Election of officers:
President - Lisa Rogers
Vice President - Jim McMaster
Secretary/Treasurer - Don Loving
Moved Bart Rierson
Second Gayle Bizeau

X. Adjournment – Lisa Rogers moved to adjourn 8:09 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kat Ricker, Public Information Director

Next regularly scheduled Board meeting: August 26, 2021. Jim McMaster will run the meeting as Lisa Rogers will be excused.