

SEASIDE PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA
Thursday, February 1, 2024, 6 PM
City of Seaside Council Chambers

Meeting Call to Order:

Reading, Approval of Draft Minutes of Nov 2, 2023, and
Jan 4, 2024 Meetings

Introduction of any guests:

Report from Councilor Tom Horning

Report from Public Works Director Mike Dimmick

Continuing (Old) Business:

Benches and or boulders to protect “It’s All Connected” sign
and benches for playground visitors – Mary Blake

North Forty Survey distribution, up to date results - Bill

PAC North Forty Public Meetings, March 7 & April 4, at City Hall - Mary Blake

Reminder: Listening session for details of proposed community gardens
behind Ruby Grill near Mill Ponds Natural History Park. Please attend if you
are able - Wed February 7, 6-7 pm at Sunset Recreation Center.

Good of the Order:

Next PAC Meeting Thursday 6:00 PM March 7, 2024
City of Seaside Workshops and Council Meetings 2nd and 4th Mondays of each
month. Easy to watch on YouTube even days later.

CITY OF SEASIDE PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (draft)

Meeting Minutes

November 2, 2023

CALL TO ORDER:

ROLL CALL:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

NON-MEMBERS PRESENT:

ABSENT:

Nancy Holmes, Chair	Mary Blake	Mike Dimmick (staff PWD)	Daffne Mejia
Bill Montero, Vice Chair		Spencer Kyle (City Manager)	
Pam Bierly, Secretary			
Jim Kuhn			
Dave Eilenberg			

REVIEW OF MEETING AGENDA: meeting called to order at 6:03

REVIEW OF MINUTES: accepted as written, Mary first, Bill second

COUNCIL REPORT: No Council report, Tom Horning was absent

NEW BUSINESS: Spencer Kyle came to speak to us about how we can help the City regarding The North Forty. Some time ago Dale came up with the start of plans for the North Forty. Spencer wants to really plan it right because as we all know, it is the last large piece of property in Seaside. In a recent work session with the City Council they asked our committee to canvas the community and get their input. We would survey the community by asking some of our known groups what their wishes would be, for example: Parks & Recreation, Kiwanis, Rotary, Seaside Kids, the Utti Family (because they are neighbors to the North Forty), other neighbors of the area, The Chamber of Commerce, SDDA, the Catholic Church, the Latino Community as well as various other groups and individuals. At the end there would be a 7-10 minute video overview.

Spencer would like us to consider three types of park: (We know we can't do it all)

1. Passive: more or less a large green space.
2. Heavily Programmed: every inch planned and scheduled to get the most sports .
3. Something in the Middle: a mix of picnic spaces, open spaces, and recreational sports places. A dog park was discussed.

The Council would then look at the suggestions and consider things such as a high request for ball fields weighed against a high number of fields already existing vs. zero soccer fields etc, and other ideas. We also need to think about best access points to the park, water, restrooms, the best place for parking, walkways etc. Would we want to stay with organized sports, or just come and play where there was room - open play or scheduled?

Bill will work up a potential questionnaire.

Once we get all the data, we (the Council, with input from others they choose, will make a list of the most popular options and put it out to the organizations we have asked for input (and possibly public members who've shown extreme interest) Nancy asked when and how this would come about. Spencer said once we have gathered our information and delivered the information to the City Council then we will have access to a planner who can help us with any questions that arise. Spencer also reminded us that once we have a plan it can't happen over night because we have to come up with funding and will likely have to do the work in little chunks as we get grants. He says we are not in a giant rush. We want to get it right, and we need a strategy/masterplan.

Spencer: At the bottom line, the City Council will be the ones who decide, then have a levy and/or get grants, then get bonding.

Mark Utti's position for his use of his property is to get as much housing as possible, aimed primarily at affordable housing for the workforce.

PUBLIC WORKS UPDATE ON PARKS – Mike Dimmick:

Mike says the project manager is Ed Arden from Coastal Restoration. He's a local who grew up here and a soccer coach for Seaside High School. He will come to the next meeting.

Mike's talked to the lady (Nikki) about Broadway Park about our difficulties about the playground structure. She is mailing him a check for the money we need to finish Ed's project up.

Other upcoming projects are fiber optics, pollution at the sewer treatment plant, a water break, the shower at the cove-it's all set to do but he needs the time and manpower, anything about the North Forty.

February is love your parks month.

Mike also had great news about the Mill Ponds. They are putting a chain link fence around the whole Mill Ponds to let it heal itself, moving all of the tent campers over to a place they've cleared on Wahanna Rd., moving the trailers into the old place for the recycle center, and moving the recycle center into the city shops parking lot where the city people can keep an eye on who comes and goes and it will be locked up at night.

GOOD OF THE ORDER: Spencer reminded us that people can go to the City website and link to the city planning session or the council meeting. If there is a certain topic you are particularly interested there are hyperlinks that you can use to get to the section you want.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:54

CITY OF SEASIDE PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (final)

Meeting Minutes

January 4, 2024

CALL TO ORDER:

ROLL CALL:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

NON-MEMBERS PRESENT:

ABSENT:

Nancy Holmes, Chair	Mary Blake	Mike Dimmick, City Public Works Dir.	Daffne Mejia
Bill Montero, Vice Chair		Ed Arden, City Project Manager	
Pam Bierly, Secretary		Tom Horning, Council Liaison	
Jim Kuhn		Darrin Gooch, SEPRD	
Dave Eilenberg			

NOTE: December 2023 meeting was cancelled

REVIEW OF MEETING AGENDA: meeting called to order at 6:05

REVIEW OF MINUTES: accepted as amended, Mary first, Bill second

COUNCIL REPORT: No Council report, Tom Horning was absent.

OLD BUSINESS:

BROADWAY PARK INTERPRETIVE SIGN COMPLETION: Ed will be in charge of the benches and boulders to protect the interpretive sign and to finish up that project.

NORTH 40: We reviewed Bill's public survey for the North 40 and added a few minor changes. We voted unanimously to approve it so far. We will have another overview at our next meeting. Mary will help find more people to distribute to, possibly people that she knows from the pool, and her other many contacts. Bill and Nancy would like to get more replies to Kim from a survey than we've ever had. Josh or John will take care of the PSA approval. Bill suggested a new slogan: Love Your NEW Park... Other ideas: lawn signs with Love Your NEW Park! (with QR codes in Spanish), an event at The North 40 leading into spring and summer so people can get an idea of the space and get an education about our choices, maybe we should have introductions in the other parks too (bring your picnic dinner to the park-have a different, no work for us, park event every x day all summer), Bill suggested cheap business cards to hand out.

It was suggested that it would help to have clearer copies to show people, we can get them from Nikki.

Suggested timeline:

February: Mary will work on getting the survey out and getting more people to see it now.

March: at our meeting we will put the results on the screen and talk about the results and write a summary. We will give the information to Mike and Spencer, and after they add to approve it, we will submit it to the City Council, hopefully at the March 11 Council meeting.

The next question is where do we get the money? Bill: put up signs, put fencing around, paint "love Your new park" or "what Park?" on the curb.

Ed asked if we shouldn't know how much money it's going to cost? Mary said that in her experience with SEPRD what has always worked over the years is to think big, and if it's a good idea, the money will show up.

Nancy summed up one bit of our philosophy: We want to allow and encourage volunteerism. Many people have volunteered their time and money in our city with no thought of being paid. Also, we want them to get what they really want and can get behind.

Darrin suggested that we break the big project into smaller pieces, we've done many grand ideas by doing them in phase 1, phase 2, phase 3...

The end result will probably be way down the road when we get this whole park, but we would like to have a pretty clear idea of what we'd like to end up with so we (the City) can get the best use out of this last large piece of land in Seaside. It may be a while before we even think of hiring a consultant.

PUBLIC WORKS UPDATE ON PARKS – Mike Dimmick: The Mill Ponds have been cleaned up. The work at Esperanza Village should be started by January 15 and be opened by February 15. There will be a Clatsop Community Action person on site around the clock. People will have a dry place to live with a door that locks. They cannot leave things outside. Eventually they will have showers, a communal kitchen to cook in, and a place to wash and dry clothes.

OTHER GOOD OF THE ORDER: Dave: There is still a lot of garbage over by Ruby's (not our property) but they're trying to get it cleaned up. Darrin: SEPRD has their new program guides out.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:30