

MINUTES-APPROVED
ASHLAND PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
Recreation Division Advisory Committee (RDAC)
August 17, 2023 4:00 p.m.

In-person meeting at Lithia Cabin 340 S. Pioneer St. Ashland, OR 97520

Present: Committee Members: Commissioners Lewis and Bachman, Members Grimm and Buck

APRC Staff: Deputy Director Dials, Recreation Manager Flora

CALL TO ORDER

Grimm called the meeting to order at 4:00p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Buck moved for approval of the June 15, 2023 RDAC minutes. Lewis seconded. All in favor.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

BUSINESS

Discussion of Nature Center -Short Term and Long Term (Deputy Director Dials & All)

Dials updated the committee regarding the current staffing at the Nature Center. We have one staff member (Jen Aguayo) who is running the Nature Center and site maintenance. We are down one full time position at the Nature Center. **Dials** gave the history of the positions at the Nature Center. Prior to COVID, the Nature Center had three-full time staff. 1 Manager, 1 Coordinator and 1 office assistant. The Office Assistant position was laid off during COVID and was never refilled. Currently, 1 office assistant position is shared between The Grove, Senior Center and Nature Center.

The committee suggested that a presentation be done to the Commission that reminds them what positions were lost. A "Past, Present and Future of staffing" presentation.

Update on the Grove

Flora reviewed the upcoming schedule for use of the gym in the Grove. The Grove gym continues to be a popular venue for a variety of classes and used by a number of organizations including the Senior Center, OLLI programs, and private instructors.

Members discussed the impact of City of Ashland Utility Billing Office occupying the Otte-Peterson classroom which was previously used for recreational programs requiring a classroom setting.

Other Items from Committee Members

No other action items were discussed by committee members.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:27p.m. Next meeting will be October 19 at 4pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rachel Dials & Lonny Flora
APRC