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**AGENDA**  
**ASHLAND PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION**  
**Recreation Division Advisory Committee (R-DAC)**  
**August 17, 2023; 4-5:30pm**  
**In-person Meeting at 340 S. Pioneer St. Ashland, OR 97520**

**4:00 p.m.**

CALL TO ORDER

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Minutes from June 15, 2023 Meeting

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Open Forum

BUSINESS

- Discussion of Nature Center (Deputy Director Dials & All)
  - Short term
  - Long term
- Update on use of The Grove (Manager Flora & All)
- Other items from Committee Members (All)

Next Meeting September 21, 2023 4pm-5:30pm

**ADJOURNMENT by 5:30 p.m.**

**MINUTES**  
**ASHLAND PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION**  
**Recreation Division Advisory Committee (RDAC)**  
**June 15, 2023 4:00 p.m.**

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

**Present: Committee Members:** Commissioners Lewis and Eldridge, Members Grimm and Buck

**APRC Staff:** Deputy Director Dials, Recreation Manager Flora, NMP

**Absent:** Committee Members: Bjornson

**CALL TO ORDER**

Grimm called the meeting to order at 4:03p.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Buck moved for approval of the August, 2022 RDAC minutes. Lewis seconded. All in favor.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None

**BUSINESS**

**Recreation Division Updates**

**Flora** updated the committee on the Ashland World Music Festival attendance numbers, events, and fundraising results. He provided information on the Daniel Meyer Pool opening on June 6, 2023 and that the pool is fully staffed for programming including swim lessons.

**Dials** updated the committee on status of the Nature Center. VanWyhe left her position as manager at the beginning of May. Nature Center positions of Manager and Coordinator are currently being evaluated along with opening the Nature Center to the public on a regular basis. Committee members expressed that the Nature Center is an important function to APRC and that they felt this is the most important goal for RDAC to take on right now.

**Discussion of RDAC Goals**

Committee members continued discussing prospective action for evaluating and creating an updated job description for the North Mountain Park Manager position vacated by VanWhye. A working group of Dials, Grimm and Buck was formed to look at ways to involve the community in obtaining feedback.

The committee also discussed how efforts to evaluate operations of the North Mountain Park Nature Center could also yield more interest in RDAC and get people involved as committee members. Flora discussed other efforts taken to gather feedback and interest from the community that could lead to discussion with community members to attend RDAC meetings and possibly participate as a committee member.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 5:27p.m. Next meeting will be August 17 at 4pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Rachel Dials & Lonny Flora  
APRC