City of Fairview Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes September 10, 2018

PRESENT:

Chair Steve Marker, Hollie Holcombe, John Sumpter, Stuart Johnson, Councilor Natalie Voruz

ABSENT:

Vice Chair Bob Dolphin, Deborah Aronson

STAFF:

Eric Rutledge, Associate Planner

OTHER ATTENDEES:

None

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Chair Steve Marker called the meeting to order.

2. REVIEW AND ADOPT MINUTES - August 13, 2018

Chair Marker motioned to approve the minutes from August 13, 2018. Stuart Johnson seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.

3. DISCUSSION ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Chair Marker requested name tags for the committee to wear at public events. Associate Planner (AP) Rutledge said he would look into the name tags and a source of funds for them.

Chair Marker expressed concern that the Citizens on Park Patrol (COPP) program and law enforcement patrols have declined in the parks since the police merger with Multnomah County Sheriff's Office (MSCO). He said the off-road vehicle or "Gator" that is used by Citizens on Park Patrol (COPP) was purchased by the Fairview Public Works/Parks Department but hasn't been used recently. The Gator radio has also not been updated to communicate with MSCO.

Councilor Voruz said the COPP program was put on hold when the interim Chief Anderson was hired, in order to review the safety of the program for its volunteers. There was concern that volunteers may be put in danger if they were perceived to be armed while on patrol. When Chief Smith was hired full time, Councilor Voruz asked him to complete the review of the COPP program. In order to address Chair Marker's concerns, Councilor Voruz recommended that the committee ask city council to make this a work session item at an upcoming meeting. This would help clarify the City's request to MSCO regarding the Gator and COPP program.

The committee requested that Councilor Voruz talk to Councilor Forsythe and request that the issue be discussed at a council meeting. There was discussion about the paint and logos on the Gator and agreement this should look less like law enforcement and more like a parks vehicle.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Marker adjourned the meeting.

Steve Marker

Chair

4-7-18

Eric Rutledge

Associate Planner/Code Compliance Officer

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