

**City of Rainier
Parks, Recreation and Education Committee Meeting
March 28, 2022
6 p.m.
Rainier City Hall**

Chair Levi Richardson called the meeting to order at 6 p.m.

Committee Members Present: Kristi Cole, Terry Deaton, Tiffany Hatley, Sharon Jump, Tess Pote, Gary Rice, Levi Richardson, Rosemary Scandale

Committee Members Absent: Randall Johnstun and Laura Tretheway

City Staff Present: W. Scott Jorgensen, City Administrator

Flag Salute

Visitor Comments: There were no visitor comments at this time.

Consider Approval of the Consent Agenda

Consider Approval of the November 30, 2021 and January 24, 2022 Parks, Recreation and Education Committee Meeting Minutes—Vice Chair Gary Rice moved to approve the consent agenda. That motion was seconded by Sharon Jump and adopted unanimously.

Old Business

- a. Parks Master Plan—City Administrator W. Scott Jorgensen said the proposal from the consultant was included in the meeting materials. Public Works Director Sue Lawrence has indicated that there is funding in the current fiscal year budget to fund the plan. If the committee recommends that the city do the study, Jorgensen can forward that to the city council at its April 4 meeting. The cost listed in the proposal was just over \$35,000. Master plans are used to obtain grant funding for more costly projects, like a possible splash pad park. The city's current parks master plan is from the 1990s and only focused on the main park. The committee will be actively involved in putting the plan together. Rosemary Scandale moved to recommend that council approve the master plan proposal. That motion was seconded by Tess Pote and adopted unanimously.

- b. Riverfront Trail Completion Event—Chair Levi Richardson said the work is being done on the trail. The decking on the bridge was completed. Jorgensen said it should be finished by the end of April. Perhaps an event could be held April 30 or May 1? There was a discussion about April 30 being on a Saturday and how that could conflict with Little

League games. If local teams have away games, that would limit possible participation. Rice said there's already a lack of parking during baseball games. Committee members agreed by consensus that the event should be held May 1. Because that's a Sunday, it could be done in the afternoon, after people get out of church. There was a discussion about the components of the event. It was suggested that there be multiple fun runs for different age categories, with candy at the end for everyone. Perhaps that candy can be donated by Grocery Outlet. The little league can sell hot dogs and snacks as a fundraiser. Tiffany Hatley suggested having a coloring contest. Pote suggested having a bike parade instead of a race. Committee members agreed by consensus. There was a discussion about age categories for the fun run. It was decided that there would be three: one for children ages five and under, another for older kids and a third for teens and adults. There was a discussion about routes for the events. Committee members agreed by consensus that the tykes fun run could go from the playground to the bridge. The kids run could go from the senior center to the bridge and the adult run could be a loop from the senior center to the plaza, up A Street and back to the senior center. Bicycles for the parade can be staged on the tennis courts so as to not interfere with the fun run events. There was a discussion about the itinerary and agenda for the event. Jorgensen suggested opening remarks by Mayor Jerry Cole and said he could invite Oregon Senator Rachel Armitage. The local Boy Scouts can be asked to do a flag salute and the coloring contest winners will be announced. That will be followed by the ribbon cutting. The tykes and kids fun runs should take about 15 minutes each, and the adult one and the bike parade should be about half an hour each. The committee decided by consensus that the event should start at 2 and run until about 4 p.m. to encourage participants to go to local businesses afterward. It was decided that there should be three categories for the bike parade—most creative, most original and a Rainier spirit award. Committee members want there to be banners and balloons and Jorgensen, Mayor Cole and Scandale shall serve as the judges for the bike parade awards. Committee members were assigned to take the lead on specific tasks. Hatley will coordinate the tyke fun run. Scandale will coordinate the kids fun run and Rice will coordinate the parade. Committee members and city staff will arrive at 1 p.m. that day to set up. Staff will reach out to the fire department and police department to see if they would be interested in having booths. It was mentioned that local insurance agent Cheryl Teuscher has given out bicycle helmets at other events and maybe she would be interested in doing that for this one.

5. New Business

a. Volunteer Opportunities

Richardson adjourned the meeting at 7:28 p.m.

Levi Richardson, Chair

W. Scott Jorgensen, City Administrator

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