

August 8, 2022 * RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

**CITY OF PACIFIC
REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARK BOARD
300 HOVEN DRIVE
PACIFIC, MO 63069**

The meeting was streamed live on the City of Pacific YouTube page:

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Google search: "City of Pacific You Tube"

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Schaecher.

A roll call was taken with the following results:

Present at Roll Call: Ryan Schaecher
Kali Keenum
Michael Hagar

Absent: Kim Walton

A quorum was present.

Also present: Alderman Cleeve
City Administrator Roth
Director of Community Development Myers
Park Superintendent Fowler
Deputy City Clerk Hayden

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Minutes

Motion made by Kali Keenum, seconded by Michael Hagar to approve the minutes from the July 6, 2022 meeting. A voice vote was taken with an affirmative result, and the motion carries.

Public Participation

Matt & Lainey Ahal, 303 3rd Street, Labadie, MO = they are here tonight to request the pavilion fee be waived for their Boy Scout Troop 443 meeting at City Park on Thursday, August 11. **Motion made by Michael Hager, seconded by Kali Keenum to waive the pavilion rental fee. A voice vote was taken with an affirmative result, and the motion carries.**

Kristen Becker, 105 N. 6th Street, Pacific, MO = had a couple things she would like to mention about the dog park here in Pacific. She is new to the area and was looking for different options for their dog. She had noticed that the Pacific Dog Park has obstacle courses but a lot of it is kind of run down, some of the wood being warped. She would like to make a recommendation at maybe looking for donors who might be able to donate some obstacle courses for us. She noticed that the bench area with the awning, has paint is kind of chipping and she would love to donate her time to help fix that. Would love to donate her time to helping. President Schaecher stated he appreciated her desire to help, we can always use volunteers. The best way is to volunteer is to contact Mr. Roth or Chris. She will have to fill out a hold harmless agreement or waiver of some sort. After that it would be working with Chris to make sure whatever gets done matches the rest of the park as far as any paint or stain. As far as obstacles go, he would love to see somebody come in and sponsor obstacles. Originally those obstacles were done as an Eagle Scout Project. Director Myers stated that just today, the Tourism Director Kelly O'Malley and him discussed the dog park. Their discussion led to they are going to reach out to Purina Farms to see if they can help with the features and wanted Ms. Becker to know her timing was impeccable because help is needed.

New Business

a. St. Louis County Municipal Park Grant application

Administrator Roth stated that last year they applied for a grant to put bathrooms in at Jensen Point and they did not get that grant. They are going to try again this year with the deadline being later on this month August 24th and 25th. There are two components to the proposed application. One is to site new restrooms at Jensen Point Park property. The location is on the northwest corner of the parking lot where the path for the overlook begins. The primary reason for that location is that it is a relatively flat spot. The drawback of this location would in some degree detract from the view of the park especially if you are coming from the east and going west. Discussion followed on possible landscaping that could help with appearance. The second piece of it is we do have the need to acquire certain pieces adjacent to both Jensen Point and also the Wintech Building and Red Cedar. In the back of the Red Cedar is a graveled parking area and the far north part of that property is owned by US Silica. As you go toward Jensen Point in the rear of the Winchester building property, there is some additional property that is also owned by US Silica. As you get to Jensen Point, same story, there is about 1 acre plus or minus between all those parcels together and we would essentially use the grant to acquire this property. The total cost is estimated at \$316,000. We are proposing that the city do the water and sewer connections so there is close to \$20,000 in labor that we would contribute. As far as a cash match, there is not any cash match required. We have had internal discussions to potentially add some cash match to get to 10% of the grand total. If we did the cash match, we would need about \$12,000. Discussion followed. **Motion made by Michael Hager to proceed with grant application without a match and moving bathrooms on the right side of the parking lot.** Discussion followed on what would be lost out of the Park Board budget if they applied for grant with a match. **Motion amended by Michael Hager to proceed with grant application with a 10% match from the city and also moving the bathrooms on the**

right side of the parking lot. Seconded by Kali Keenum. A voice vote was taken with an affirmative result, and the motion carries.

Old Business

a. Pacific Skatepark Initiative, revised concept design

Director Myers stated everyone had photos of the revised skatepark design. He read an email from Evan Moss who is with the American Ramp Company. The major change is the relocation of the half pipe. They were able to put a photograph of Jeff White skating in the design and they placed a gold star behind the text on the skateboard bench. The total cost of Phase I comes to \$325,000. The engineering would be an additional \$6,500. The cost for Phase II to include the concrete slab, concrete sidewalk connection and X series skate like surface half pint comes to \$69,000. Director Myers introduced John Felts so he could share his feelings about raising extra money. He thanked the board for letting him have the opportunity to speak to them. In terms of raising the total cost for the skatepark, when they look at what their target goal of \$300,000 is, it is pretty ambitious and if you compare that to an additional \$25,000, it doesn't seem like that much of a jump. However, given their current fundraising in how far we need to go to complete Phase I, it is a hard decision to make to put themselves in a position to go that much further. He feels with this design and what they have to do to get the ball rolling, it will be well worth it to push it as far as they can go. The second section with half pint and an additional \$69,000 will be future goals. From where they are at right now, he feels they should move forward on the fundraising. President Schaecher stated he also liked the slight rearrangement of things in the new design. He feels it is far more practical and offers everything for everybody. He asked what the current funding levels were for this project. John Felts stated the amount raised has not changed much from last meeting. They submitted their grant proposal for the skatepark project. Those grant proposals are being accepted this month and they should be hearing back from them with a few weeks. They have also sent out some corporate letters that have gone out this month. He wanted to thank the Magi Foundation for their help pushing those out. They are just over \$15,000 in donations which does not include what the city is contributing. Discussion followed on different fundraising ideas. President Schaecher asked Director Myers if an endorsement from the Park Board on this project would help in their fundraising efforts. Director Myers stated yes it would be. **Motion made by Kali Keenum, second by Michael Hager to endorse this project in the location and design that is before us. A voice vote was taken with an affirmative result, and the motion carries.** Administrator Roth stated they would bring that to the Board of Aldermen in form of a resolution so they can endorse it as well. It probably won't be until the first meeting in September.

b. Municipal Pool planning

Administrator Roth stated as we all know they had a presentation from Navigate on various options for the pool. He went over a memo he typed up that can be viewed online that he placed in the board packet dated August 3, 2022. The memo summarized the scenarios of repair, renovate or replacement of the pool along with cost considerations such as personnel/staffing considerations, operation/maintenance, how to generate more revenue, etc. He also went over timeframes such as how long the pool may last now in present condition, how to possibly propose to voters for April election, and construction. Discussion followed with board members. It was decided to put out a survey to the public to see what they would really want and know better which way to go in pool planning. President Schaecher stated the pool planning will be tabled for now unless somebody wants to make a motion to un-table. With no motion being said, the pool planning is tabled.

Park Superintendent Report

The Civil War sign is back up at Jensen Point. The footing has been dug at the top of Jensen Point. Right now they are trying to focus on the arena to get it back up to where it is should to be. They have panels over there that have been bent and broken. He mentioned last time he was here we talked about the needed truck. They looked at used options and for \$40,000 you can't even buy a used truck of what they need. If you find one on a lot then you have to come to the Park Board then the Board of Aldermen for approval. Then it may be gone. Three quarter ton trucks are hard to find. When it is available is when you need to buy. He is asking if it would be possible to buy a truck if they find one right then instead of waiting for approval for the deal may be gone by then. The \$40,000 is already in the budget. The \$40,000 will not buy a new truck and will have to be a used one. Administrator Roth explained the process of approving large purchases. It has to go before the Park Board and then final approval from the Board of Alderman. Discussion followed on different options. Nothing decided tonight.

Park Liaison Report

Alderman Cleeve stated he has been keeping the Board of Aldermen updated on everything.

Director of Community Development Report

Director Myers stated he is really appreciative of the juvenile court system. They have chosen Pacific for juveniles to perform community service to work out the hours they need. They sent them out on three different occasions. They removed the honeysuckle on Jensen Point, which they have done the lower and big part of the stairway and now around the flag pole. Really grateful that they focused their time and attention here. Director Myers and Superintendent Fowler have been talking about some of the budgeted items for this next year and want to get on that as far as getting things in order with what to tackle first. The sponsorship flyers for the Rodeo have gone out the beginning of August. They have received three back already and are at \$2,000 sponsorship. All funds raised will go toward improving Liberty Field rodeo ring, rodeo facilities. We are still hopeful that we can get electric in. Ameren has found us telephone poles for the lights which have already been delivered. Ameren has also talked about installing them for us when we are ready. Still waiting for Mr. Gallagher to give him good numbers and a project plan that he recommends. We will compare that to another electric company that has already given him numbers. Trying to get a least electric for this rodeo round with possibly lights. If anyone is interested in being a sponsor, please reach out to him at City Hall.

City Administrator Report

Nothing to report.

Miscellaneous

Michael Hager stated he is very new to the city. Has been living here for about seven months now. He had some things written down that he needed advice or discussion on. There were a few things that were brought to his attention when he walked through City Park. Noticed there was a missing net in the tennis court. Director Myers stated it was taken down because someone cut it and has never been put back up. Michael Hager noticed there were some vines on the fence at the tennis court that have grown very long and wanted to know if someone could cut it. Superintendent Fowler stated that just last week

they went and cut and sprayed everything at the base. Michael Hager stated he noticed cracks on the pavement where the basketball court is. Superintendent Fowler said that is on the resurfacing part of the budget. Michel Hager noticed at Liberty Field and City Park that perhaps redoing the tables would be a good idea. Superintendent Fowler agreed with this. He has repaired the ones at Liberty Field and just fixing those, supplies to repair or replace are expensive. This could be a fall project to go and sand tables down or replace boards then paint. Michael Hager offered his time to help with this as far as labor is concerned. Also, he would be willing to even buy supplies to fix and help make the tables look better. Administrator Roth said that if he or anyone wanted to volunteer time and resources, he or they would have to work with staff supervision. Administrator Roth also stated if anyone has specific park questions, please give them to him and he will forward to Chris. We rely on comments from others outside the city staff to bring to our attention.

Adjournment

Motion made by Kali Keenum, seconded by Michael Hagar to adjourn. A voice vote was taken with an affirmative result, and the motion carries. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.