

CLATSKANIE PARK & RECREATION DISTRICT

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

April 19, 2018

A special meeting of the Clatskanie Park & Recreation District was called to order by Bruce Holsey, Board Chair at 7:00pm, on Thursday, April 19, 2018 at the Port of St. Helens Offices (old middle school), Clatskanie, OR.

Board members in attendance were Roger Jolma, Della Fawcett and John Hazapis.

Board members absent: ***Andrew Mustola***

Cyndi Warren, District Bookkeeper: ***Present***

VISITORS

See Attached Sign-In Sheet

SPECIAL MEETING BUSINESS:

This special meeting was called to discuss the closing of the skate park and to allow public comment.

Della proceeded to read aloud the communication record between Bruce, Della and Don Atkinson, the marketing director of Richlite, a skate park construction company.

- ◆ Here is a summary of the report (the full report is attached):
- ◆ Ramps need to be bolted down
- ◆ Provide more surveillance; cameras
- ◆ Current ramps are made of indoor material, he recommends outdoor material.
- ◆ Would like to implement some of the old ramp materials into the new design, as decoration only, not for use.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dorothy Brock, Community Member

She is interested in the park host position. Also wanted to state that the park and skate park are both very safe locations. She determined this when she was staying in the park for an extended amount of time last summer.

John Lillich, Community Member

Ramps were first built with B quality product for \$175 a sheet, these were damaged when left out in the rain and the company replaced them at no charge with A quality product.

Current cover is made of polyethylene material.

New covers are made of PVC material and are much more durable.

Old screws could be taken out and replaced with new screws.

Eric Karthaus, Community Member

Would like to see the skate park area turned into a covered basketball court.

Barbara Odems, Community Member

There is always liability.

Her son helped build the current skate park.

This will leave a big hole in this town.

Willard Evenson, Community Member and City Councilman

This is being driven by insurance companies.

Does it need to be covered? Is this a requirement from the insurance company?

The Park and City will work with risk management.

Are there rules about wearing helmets when using the skate park?

Sally Kallunki, Community Member

She keeps hearing all of these rumors and wants to clarify about total destruction?

Her great grandchildren play in the skate park all of the time and use the ramps as slides, as they prefer the ramps over all of the other equipment in the park.

Sally states that there are no problems in the park/skate park at all.

Toby Harris, Community Member, Business Owner and City Councilman

Would like to work on keeping the cover on it for use year-round.

Is there a way to close it at night? Turn off the lights at a certain time. Have the police trespass users after dark.

Process of new skate park should take 5-6 weeks once a design has been determined and there are Scout Lake Funds available for this project.

Amy Coe, Community Member

Her children have made many friends hanging out in the skate park.

The half pipe is awesome!

She understands that we live in a super litigious society.

Would like the skate park to be more of a community focal point.

The skate park is vitally important to the community.

Anthony Palm, Community Member

He has lived here his whole life and has met 100's of people at the skate park.

There will always be people who don't belong there doing all sorts of bad things.

Bob Brajcich, Mayor of Clatskanie

There is a lot of noise coming from the skate park.

He has been doing a lot of research on our skate park and other skate parks.

Need good surveillance; this could be accomplished by having more adult type activities in the park.

Skate park does not cause drug use

Skate parks are very low on risk.

He is total support of a rebuild, with a 10 year replacement plan.

Seth Ivers, Visitor from Tacoma, Washington

Having one of the only covered skate parks around, you don't realize the 'gem' that you have.

He is familiar with the Richlite company and feels they could do a great job on this project.

There are 8 kids down there now (drove by on the way to this meeting), even though there are signs up.

Need to consider holding camps, clinics, competitions and dedications.

John Hazapis, Park and Recreation Board Member

He stated that he is not a 'skater hater' and agrees that more public presence could be a natural deterrent to some of the continued issues at the skate park.

He feels strongly that it must be safe before it can be opened back up.

Dorothy Brock, Community Member

She stated that there are federal funds available for skate parks and parks.

Kris Lillich, Community Member and local business owner

She stated that there is a lot of misinformation regarding insurance companies.

Kids do not remove screws; they come out on their own.

She is very disappointed that she was not contacted before this decision was made.

If you let it look bad, it will be treated badly.

Again, disappointed by the community and park and rec – the skate park has always been treated like a step child.

There is probably some rot in the ramps from moisture.

The half pipe shouldn't leave; it was designed to draw outsiders.

Please do not burn the ramps that would be toxic.

Risk management will always find something wrong.

The skate park is 'the gem of the park'.

Other needs to consider:

Cover the current basketball court

Look at a teen community center

Oregon Tort – Special Districts has a cap and 'nobody will lose anything'.

Willard Evenson, City Councilman

He would like the insurance company to clarify whether there needs to be a cover or not.

He suggested that the park district might consider a different insurance company.
The City's attorney is working on this issue on their end.

Roger Jolma, Park and Recreation Board Member

Stated that the City owns the property.

Kris Lillich, Community Member and local business owner

There are no standards for skate parks, it is completely subjective.

Don't be afraid of people from the outside.

She stated that you (the park and recreation district) want to 'Cover Your Ass'

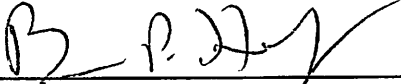
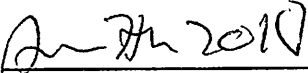
Bob Brajcich, Mayor of Clatskanie

Need to have good signage at the skate park with regards to safety and NOT be negligent in maintenance.

Bruce, the board chair, thanked everyone for coming and their input, then stated that they would be going into executive session, citing ORS 192-660(2)(a) to consider the employment of a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent and that no decision would be made in executive session and no further business would be conducted once out of executive session.

Meeting adjourned at 8:24pm

EXECUTIVE SESSION – ORS 192.660(2)(a) to consider the employment of a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent.

Approved By:  Date:  2010

District Mission Statement

'To plan, develop and maintain recreational facilities, as well as, support programs for the benefit of our community.'