

AIRPORT PARK STEERING COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, June 13, 2024

Minutes of the monthly meeting of the Airport Park Steering Committee, held on Thursday, June 13, 2024 at 12:00 p.m., in the Coos County Airport District Boardroom.

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Oswald called the meeting to order.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Samantha Oswald, Chair;
Andrew Brainard (Zoom);
Ariann Lyons (Zoom);
Mike Gaudette;
Rick Skinner;
Steve Schneiderman;
Tim Huntley.

Committee Members Not In Attendance:

Mike Collins.

Section I. Review of Minutes of the May 9, 2024 Park Steering Committee Meeting:

Upon a motion by Mr. Schneiderman (Second Mr. Huntley), the minutes of the May 9, 2024 Committee Meeting were unanimously approved.

Section II. Airport Update:

Mr. Skinner informed the committee that some equipment in the park had recently been vandalized. Repairs are underway.

Section III. Ball Park Update:

Mr. Huntley informed the committee that the ball park has also been a target of vandals of late.

Mr. Huntley also informed the committee that work to move the outfield fence on the south baseball field has been completed.

Section IV. Rotary Update:

Mrs. Oswald related that the first community open house meeting to discuss the park project drew an attendance in excess of 36 individuals, and more engagement is expected at that next open house. There were appx 163 responses to the request for input on park planning suggestions. The Park Consultant is reviewing these submissions and will begin working on the conceptual diagrams. An update is expected to come at the consultant's meeting with Rotary next week, and a conceptual design may be available to share by the next Park Steering Committee meeting.

Rotary also had a fundraising meeting recently, and an account has been opened to accept donations for the project.

Mrs. Lyons noted that community response at the recent open house indicated the importance of multi-generational use for the park, specifically noting the interest that was shown in including teen focused activities/areas in the design.

Section V. Other Business:

Mr. Brainard inquired if there was a possibility to spruce up the basketball court with some fresh paint in preparation for the summer. Mr. Skinner will work with the airport to see if this can be accommodated.

Mr. Huntley noted that dogs running around freely on the ball park have been leaving a mess and causing disturbances with some of the young players. Mr. Huntley inquired if it would be possible to install signage prohibiting dogs in that portion of the park. Mr. Brainard said he would share this suggestion with the Coos County Airport District (CCAD) Board of Commissioners at their next scheduled meeting.

Mrs. Oswald announced that the next Park Steering Committee Meeting is scheduled for July 11th, at noon.

Mr. Schneiderman suggested that if the committee has no new business to discuss that the meeting be rescheduled for a future time. The committee members present unanimously agreed that this was a reasonable suggestion.

Meeting adjourned at 12:16 p.m.