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Recreation Department

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Parks and Recreation Advisory Board - Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 10th at 6:30pm at Senior Center

Members Present: Scott Holland, Rick Martel, Misty Edgecomb, Haley Warden, Suzanne Roy

Absent: Mike Thurston, Tim Cogle, Paula Curtis-Everett

Meeting Minutes: October – Will be voted on Next Month

Department Update – Scott gave an update that with Sabrina leaving that he would be the Staff representation and if he couldn't be there, it would be Denis D'Auteuil. Scott is the Deputy Director at Public works and has been here for 8 years. He has worked closely with Sabrina and may not have all the answers with the transition but will work on getting them.

Work in Progress:

- **Tot Lot workgroup** – Haley said this has been slow at the beginning, but things are starting to take shape. It has been planned for a 14-acre food forest and other multiple uses including a welcome center. The house has to come down and the red building that is left does have some potential for another use. Haley said the City Council is on board. We are also looking at grants. Hopefully we can have something ready for City Council to get approval. It was talked about hiring somebody to do the planting. Suzanne asked about the Cooperative Extension. She said they are a wealth of info, and they don't charge.
- **Lake Grove Park workgroup** – Suzanne said there were 2 proposals for an aeration system. We would have to hire for it. Auburn Water would be involved to work on flow. She also shared the testing results with everybody. The hope is to have things set up for next summer. Suzanne also talked about having Kayaks and canoe's there to use. She also said the Y is willing to provide lifeguards and the boys and girls club is interested in doing activities. Scott said he thought he see something about Lake Grove Park in the next Council Workshop. He will find out the details after the meeting.
- **Festival Plaza workgroup** – Tim Cogle is part of this work group and hopefully he can update at the next meeting.
- **Mt. Apatite** – Rick said the signs have been going up, thanks to Public Works. Scott will check with Will on distance signs. We still need to work on the emergency signs and that it will need to be coordinated with fire and police. Rick also talked about some land for



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sale on Minot Ave, by the international dealership, and it would be a good place to make an entrance especially if the Garfield side by the National Guard ever goes away. Rick also mentioned that there will be a new trail built.

- **Auburn Suburban** – Nothing to report at this time.
- **LWCF**- We have been picking away at this list.
- **PAL** – Scott to check on this.
- **Subdivision Projects** – No new projects under the Subdivision category.
- **Playground Projects**- Scott will get the list and send it out.
- **Conservation Commission** – Nothing to report at this time.

Meeting was adjourned 7:40pm Haley made the motion, all were in favor

Next meeting will be held Wednesday December 8th at 6:30pm at Senior Center