

Monroe City Parks Committee Minutes

Monroe Council Chambers

August 7, 2018

4:50 PM to 5:45 PM

Chair: Cindy Canter
Members: Timothy Eastridge, Lauri Reynolds
Ex Officio: Paul Canter

Cindy called the meeting to order at 4:50 pm. Present were Paul Canter, Cindy Canter, Timothy Eastridge, Lauri Reynolds, RJ Theofield and Floyd Billings

1. APPROVE MINUTES: Tim made a motion to approve and Cindy seconded. Minutes approved.

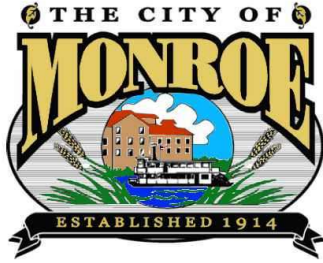
2. OLD BUSINESS:

2.1 Covered Structure at City Park – Paul stated that the County still has the plans. Floyd mentioned that it should be the State that approves the plans, not the County. Paul said he got an email from the County stating that the plans were too complicated for them and they were sent out for review. He said that Douglas County is reviewing them, they review plans for several counties. Paul said we can't break ground until we get the permit. Floyd recommended that we get the County Commissioners involved. Cindy said she would contact Anne. Tim asked why there are now two porta potties. Paul said because having two is less expensive than having the one cleaned several times a week.

2.2 Update and Needs Regarding All City Parks -

Toddler Park - Tim asked for an update on the toddler park. Cindy said Kaboom is no longer an option. They wanted us to buy their equipment, for much more expensive. She noted that we need to look for other grant options. Cindy asked if we wanted to start fundraising for the toddler park. She suggested a GoFundMe account or an account at Umpqua Bank. Floyd brought up that if the community is involved in volunteering that it will be more meaningful to community members. Tim asked if we needed to decide on a Kaboom structure. Cindy said she has been researching structures. RJ offered to write the language to ask for funds. Cindy mentioned building it ourselves with wood but Paul said there would be too much liability. Cindy said she would find three designs to offer as choices to the community. Floyd suggested asking the City to match funds to \$25,000. Cindy asked if we want to ask the Council to install cameras and Tim said to go for it.

Reservoir Heights Park – Tim would like to see signs for the park and more parking. Cindy wondered if people would drive up there instead of walking. Tim said he sees people parking on the pad. Cindy asked where we would get park signs. Tim said the County could make them for us and RJ will follow up on that.



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3. NEW BUSINESS:

3.1 Drop Structure – Give the City of Monroe Direction – RJ stated that last May there was a meeting with the Army Corp of Engineers and an architect. Designs were made with water flows from the park and flows from the river. RJ said there is a culvert on the South end that is clogged. The architect went out in his boat and tried to pull plants out to unclog it. RJ said that the process is called the 1135 process. It was applied for three years ago and when funding is available our project will be at the top. RJ said we need to give them direction on what options to explore. One of the requirements is that it needs ecological benefits. RJ, Paul and Floyd like the rock ramp option. Floyd thought it would make the area below look nicer. Tim mentioned the river doesn't have the same flow all year round. RJ noted that the water flow is controlled by the Army Corp of Engineers. Tim mentioned the culvert is only one foot and it should be upgraded. Cindy clarified with RJ that we need to give several options to be explored. RJ wanted three options. Tim is against the dam removal. RJ mentioned altering the intake structure. Paul said we don't want to take on the maintenance that would involve. Two options were agreed on – the rock ramp, which would be aesthetically pleasing, the fish, low impact and water intake and the bypass, which has the benefits of the fish and is relatively low cost.

2 Red Hills Property – Recommendation to Planning Commissioning regarding Tract A property in wetlands - Approved for recommendation to Council.

3. Cindy mentioned watering the grass can be done for approximately \$700 worth of equipment and wanted to know if we should ask the City to purchase the equipment. The consensus was that we should ask for that.

4. Tim asked if there had been any interest in the gas station property. RJ said there have been several inquiries. Cindy showed diagrams of a footbridge and Tim thought that was a great idea. Floyd didn't think a footbridge would be good with the wetlands. Tim asked what the span was and Paul said 130 feet.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

6. ADJOURNMENT: Cindy made a motion to adjourn and the meeting ended at 5:45 pm.

