

Scio Parks & Tree Advisory Committee Meeting

Scio City Hall – 38957 NW 1st Ave., Scio, Oregon

AGENDA

November 15, 2022 (6:30 p.m.)

Committee Members

Jack Mochnick

Stevie Bates

Katrina Clouse

OPEN HOUSE – 6:30 PM

Public is invited to an open house to meet the Parks & Tree Committee Members.

CALL TO ORDER – 7:00 PM ** ROLL CALL**

OCTOBER 5, 2022 MEETING MINUTES: Review, amend and approve minutes.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Letter – Roger Gaither

REGULAR SESSION:

***Note: Following each agenda item, and after a motion is made and seconded, a “call for discussion” should take place before the final vote!! If there is no discussion the vote shall be taken. The Chairperson shall then move onto the next agenda item.*

- 1) Review the Survey Responses for the Thomas Creek Park Development
Presented by: Ginger Allen, Scio City Manager
Action: Discussion

PUBLIC COMMENT(S): An opportunity for citizens to comment on items of the Parks & Tree Advisory Committee.

COMMITTEE ITEMS: This is the time that the Chairperson asks each Committee Member if they have anything else they would care to share with the committee, ask any questions of city staff, or if they would care to have something added to the next months’ agenda.

ADJOURNMENT:

2022 Parks & Tree Advisory Committee Meetings

December ____, 2022

Scio City Hall

ALL PARKS & TREE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETINGS WILL BE HELD IN PERSON & ON ZOOM.

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<https://us02web.zoom.us>

or phone: 1-253-215-8782

Meeting ID: 831 9746 0342

Passcode: 065816

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**Scio Parks & Tree
Advisory Committee Minutes
October 5, 2022**

LOCATION: SCIO CITY HALL, 38957 NW 1ST AVENUE, SCIO

Time Start: 9:00 AM

Time End: 10:25 AM

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:04 AM by Chairman Jack Mochnick

PARKS & TREE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING ATTENDANCE LOG

ADVISORY COMMITTEE	SCIO STAFF
Jack Mochnick	Cathy Martin, Administrative Assistant
Katrina Clouse (Absent)	Ko Knurowski, Public Works
Stevie Bates	Scott Starkey, Public Works
	Ginger Allen, City Manager

AUDIENCE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

None

AGENDA	ACTIONS
<p><u>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • August 16, 2022 Parks & Tree Meeting Minutes 	<p>Martin noted correction to attendance Motion from Bates, seconded by Mochnick to approve the minutes of August 16, 2022 as presented. Motion passed 2:0</p>
<p><u>BUSINESS</u></p> <p>Review & Enhance Development Description for Thomas Creek Park Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Presented by – Ginger Allen, City Manager 	<p>Ms. Allen stated that the information on the bids for the tree removal was presented at the September council meeting. The council members asked a series of questions and asked that the committee identify trees to be removed. They also asked if trees were going to be replanted. Staff let them know that “park” type trees would be planted, the location of those will be determined once the development occurs. Public Works staff flagged the trees and took pictures for the committee to review.</p> <p>The committee reviewed the trees that are proposed for development. Bates stated that she is happy with the proposed trees to be removed, and is concerned with getting the trees down soon. That way wildlife is not affected.</p> <p>The Linn County GIS maps were reviewed of the park. Ms. Martin made two maps to be included in the council packet: 1) shows the area that the trees will be removed</p>

	<p>and 2) shows the usable area once they have been removed.</p> <p>Ms. Allen handed out a draft of the Thomas Creek Park Survey. The survey will be mailed to all city residents following the October 10th council meeting. After discussion and modifications made to the survey, it was decided that an open house would be held prior to the next Parks & Tree Advisory Committee Meeting, to solicit additional input.</p>
<p>Restroom Project a. Presented by Ginger Allen, City Manager</p>	<p>Ginger advised that the city did not receive any bids for the Public Restroom project, so we would be moving forward with a pre-fab building.</p>
<p>Next meeting b. Schedule date and time</p>	<p>The next meeting was scheduled for November 15th, the open house will start at 6:30 pm with the meeting starting at 7:00 pm</p>
<p><u>ADJOURNMENT</u></p>	<p>The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 AM</p>



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October 24, 2022
Re: Thomas Creek Park

To: Scio Parks & Tree Advisory Committee
Ginger Griffith, Scio City Manager

Hello Jack, Stevie, Katrina & Ginger:

With a bit of optimism and some dismay, we received your Thomas Creek Park Survey. The letter and current initiative in response to potential Covid relief funding seems to ignore the considerable work done by a wide swath of Scio citizens in 2009 to develop the Thomas Creek property as a city park. It is good that there is now some interest in developing the property, albeit with ready grant funding.

For your information and background, this letter includes a proposal we submitted to the Oregon Parks in their 2009 grant cycle along with supporting documents. That application was not funded, but the effort and work toward a viable Thomas Creek park was real, detailed and purposeful. However, after that proposal was not funded, the city did nothing as follow-up to adjust the application for subsequent grant cycles, or to seek other funding. Except for grass and mowing, the property was never developed for 13 years. We were disappointed.

Much of the original work done in 2009 is still relevant and I urge you to consider what was proposed at that time. The 2009 proposal focuses on prefab restrooms/showers and pavilion. Those units were very expensive! I felt at the time that their cost was a major factor in the failure to get funding; I should have pushed harder at the time to orchestrate at-home, self-designed, locally constructed facilities at a fraction of the cost of the prefab units. If this current effort moves forward, I would strongly urge the committee and the city to do it locally and keep the costs down. The playground equipment was appropriate at the time, but surely different equipment is suitable now. With several basketball facilities on school grounds, that equipment is not needed at the Thomas Creek park. Through other grant funding, we now have a fine pedestrian covered bridge across Thomas Creek as recommended in the 2008 park plan. Moreover, the overall layout of the park, the development of a trail along Thomas Creek and encouraging bicycling tourism are all still viable. I recommend that those same elements be included in the current initiative.

May & I know *city parks*; in the course of our bicycling tours all over the United States we have camped in upwards of 400 parks in small and large cities. In our 32 years in Scio, I have been astounded and embarrassed that in its 150 years Scio has not a single purposeful, developed city park. Viable, developed parks in Scio are needed desperately to enhance community quality-of-life. I applaud loudly and offer my assistance.

Best wishes to you.

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