

City of St. Helens

CITY COUNCIL

Special Session Minutes

July 14, 2021

Council Members Present: Rick Scholl, Mayor
Doug Morten, Council President
Patrick Birkle, Councilor
Jessica Chilton, Councilor

Council Members Absent: Stephen R. Topaz, Councilor

Staff Present: John Walsh, City Administrator
Kathy Payne, City Recorder
Crystal King, Communications Officer
Shanna Duggan, Parks & Recreation Manager

Others: Casey Garrett Howard Blumenthal Rob & Amanda Renner
Roy & Jan Reed Lawrence Wait Maria Elena Alvaro
Carmin Dunn Sandy Salisbury Linda Sheffield
Autumn Oliver



6:02PM – Call Special Session to Order – Mayor Scholl

Citizen's Day in the Park Planning Meeting

McCormick Park Pavilion

Citizen's Day in the Park is scheduled for Saturday, August 7 from noon to 3:00 p.m.

Mayor Scholl listed off the donation commitments he currently has:

Sunshine Pizza	Pasta salads
IGA	Hamburgers, hot dogs, buns, BBQ, pot for hot dogs
Safeway	Chips and cookies
Skinny's	Bottled water
Stan's Refrigeration	Bags of ice

Mayor Scholl said that Highway 30 Cruisers is committed to having a car show. The National Guard is interested in being there. Don's Rentals usually will donate tables and chairs. Shanna Duggan said that she has reached out to the Columbia River Fire & Rescue and Dutch Bros. but hasn't heard back yet. American Heritage Girls, who has helped out every year, is also willing to volunteer but they have another commitment that day, as well. There will be a band setting up under the Veterans' shelter.

Mayor Scholl said that anybody who wants to be involved can be. There are no fees. We just ask that anybody who charges something to discount your prices to the community.

The grand opening of the new McCormick Park playground will be on this day as well. It's going to be a big day.

Rob Renner with Highway 30 Cruises asked where they will be parking the cars for the car show. He would ideally like them to park in the grassy area behind areas 1 and 2, behind the pavilion and veterans' memorial area. Councilor Chilton asked how many cars would be in attendance. Renner said that he really doesn't know. Councilor Morten thought it was a good idea to get them out of the parking lot but that there should be someone accountable for parking the cars and then directing traffic when they leave the area. Renner said that that is part of what they do. They will attract more car show participants if the cars are getting parked in an area with some shade, so, this area is good. He anticipates a good showing because since COVID had everyone inside, there are a lot of people who want to get out. Mayor Scholl asked Renner to reach out to Les Schwab to arrange for the awards for the car show. Renner assured everyone that they will take care of anything related to the cars.

Mayor Scholl said that this year's event is likely to draw a big crowd with the opening of the new playground equipment. Blaze, the mascot for the Portland Trail Blazers basketball team, will be in attendance. (The City received a grant from the MODA Assist program to assist with the purchase of the all-abilities playground equipment.) There's no guarantee that any actual Blazer players will be attending.

Duggan said that vendors will be set up in the parking area. There may be up to 30 vendors. The food will be served under the pavilion. First responder vehicles will be over in the parking area closest to the exit for easy exit in case of an emergency.

After some discussion it was decided that volunteers and vendors should arrive around 10:00 a.m. to set-up; begin cooking at 11:00 a.m.; grand opening ceremony at 11:45 a.m.; and be ready to serve food by noon.

Duggan will try to get a portable basketball hoop.

Duggan, Renner, and Councilor Chilton will work together on a layout for the whole event. Renner has some experience with this and offered his services.

Anybody interested in participating or volunteering should contact Lisa Scholl at the City, no later than July 30.

Crystal King will be taking care of all of the press releases and social media posts.

Duggan said that we can do the sand pile again this year. She is also thinking about doing a fun run to get people to explore the park. She said that Barlow Bikes will be here and handing out helmets to children.

Mayor Scholl said that the Council typically uses their discretionary funds for some of this event. He suggested that we reach out to the local 4H Club and see if, for a \$200 donation, they would come out and hold a petting zoo at the event. He wanted the Council's approval. Council President Morten asked that this request be brought up at the next Council meeting for consideration.

Mayor Scholl asked everyone if they knew of any other businesses that would like to donate anything to the event, to please let him know.

Council President Morten expressed a concern about the quantity of food this year, remembering that last time, we ran out of food. Mayor Scholl said that the Council may need to use some of its money to buy more food. Duggan said that she believes there will be a lot of people here

with the playground opening and the fact that COVID precautions have been lifted. With that many people, it might be a good idea to spread out the cooking into more than one location. She suggested that we might need to use the 13 Night's trailer and some canopies.


Mayor Scholl said that if anybody can think of any other food sources that would be willing to donate, to ask the business or let him know.

Duggan emphasized the need for volunteers. There's a lot of moving parts and we need as many people as possible to help out.

Adjourn - There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.



ATTEST:


Kathy Payne, City Recorder


Rick Scholl, Mayor