

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Michael Preedin	Mayor
Andrea Blum	Council President
Jennifer Letz	Councilor
Gary Ross	Councilor
Susan Cobb	Councilor

STAFF PRESENT:

Jordan Wheeler	City Manager
Kerry Prosser	Assistant City Manager
Joe O'Neill	Finance Director
Scott Woodford	CDD Director
Paul Bertagna	PW Director
Chad Davis	LT DCSO
Rebecca Green	Deputy Recorder

GUESTS:

Steve Donovan, Donovan Enterprises, Inc.

The meeting recording is available here:

<https://www.ci.sisters.or.us/bc-citycouncil/page/city-council-workshop-meeting-2>

Mayor Preedin called the workshop to order at 5:30 p.m.

1. Deschutes County Sheriff Office Annual Review

Lieutenant Davis introduced the newly hired Deputy, Aaron Myers who spoke to his background. Myers is a lifetime resident of Deschutes County and has served in various positions throughout his career. Council welcomed him to the Sisters unit.

Davis **presented** the annual review, noting that the statistics combined items in ways that were sometimes difficult to parse, and that some of the increase in numbers may be due to an increase in the documentation process. The deputies are spending more time in school zones, which tend to cause an increase in citations.

Davis stated that response times were good in Sisters. Council discussed the presence of fentanyl in Sisters. Davis indicated that it exists in Sisters, but that the overdose rate is lower than other cities in the County. It is suggested that all public facilities carry Narcan to treat overdose in emergency situations.

Council discussed working in the coming year on identifying categories of crimes in Sisters for the Sheriff's Dept to track. The categories would serve to create more meaningful information about the crime rate in Sisters.

2. Park System Development Charge Update

Director Woodford provided an introduction, and consultant Donovan made the **presentation**. Donovan provided background information on Parks System Development Charge (SDC), the City's 2023 Parks Master Plan Capital Improvement Plan (PMPCIP), and the proposal for the updated charge.

Donovan indicated that the City of Sisters is “park deficient;” a deficiency that will grow as population increases. For current population, the City ought to have 19 acres of parkland, given the recommended level of service is 5 acres of parkland per 1,000 population; but has only 7 acres. The Parks Master Plan 20-year Capital Improvement Project (CIP) has a list of 14 projects, with 44 acres of parkland. The SDC charge update is based on these planned future project costs. The proposed total Parks SDC is \$3,676, which is an increase of \$2,483 paid by new development at the time of permit issuance. This amount is less than Bend, Redmond, and Prineville and more than Madras.

Council discussed how the open space in planned communities’ factors into the total area of parkland, whether or not to slow down the number of projects, and the amount of proposed increase. Open space in planned communities were intentionally excluded from consideration in the Master Plan because most of those areas are either not open to the public, or do not have adequate facilities for the public. Councilor Ross stated that many of these questions were thoroughly debated by the Parks Advisory Board at the time the Plan was developed, and he cautioned the Council on returning to discussions already decided. Director Bertagna added that this SDC methodology includes a reduced rate for multifamily units, counting them as 1 unit.

Mayor Preedin stated that because the City is also in a process of expanding the Urban Growth Boundary, identifying funds for parklands in the expanded area will become increasingly important.

3. Other Business – None.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:27 p.m.



Rebecca Green, Deputy Recorder



Michael Preedin, Mayor