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"Jill is looking for pictures of the parade," Christopher said. "We talked about including the pet parade. The McNary High School band is a real crowd pleaser. Town and Country has a float each year with so many irises on it. We

also thought of the antique fire truck, which has been a part of the parade since the beginning. Jill also thought of a banner for the parade along the top to identify what it is. On the bottom, the kids' hand prints would act as a frame."

Deputy City Recorder Debbie Lockhart asked how Lebold's request for jumping fish could be incorporated into a parade design.

Christopher said her hope would be for Lebold to allow the fish to be swapped out for the bowling alley's float.

Keizer City Councilor Amy Ripp, the liaison to KPAC, expressed confusion about the changes.

"You took a freeway exit ramp," Ripp said. "You're changing the theme of the mural and you changed the art?"

Christopher responded that the original idea was merely one concept, but artists agreed the parade theme would be better for the venue in question.

Ripp emphasized she liked the new direction.

"I love the parade idea," she said. "The carnival idea is great. If we centered on the parade, we could incorporate different parts of Keizer."

KLL,

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This is far from the first time a request has been made to the city for improvements at KLL Park. For example, two years ago then-leaders of KLL and the competing Keizer Youth Sports Association (KYSA) proposed a list of improvements. Many balked at the \$500,000 price tag, however.

Several things have changed since then. For one, KLL resumed control of the fields last year after KYSA was in control for several years, though KYSA leaders removed a number of items from the facility including maintenance equipment and an ice machine.

Both KYSA and KLL have new leaders, who have indicated a willingness to work together for the common goal of helping local youth.

Not to mention garnering support from the city level.

"General field maintenance is our top priority, getting them into playing condition," Arnsmeier said. "They look pretty good right now, but some improvements are needed. We would like the support of this board."

Bill Lawyer, Public Works director for Keizer, noted there is a unique arrangement at KLL Park in that a group has a contract to manage a city park.

"The burden is heavily on the group managing the park maintenance wise," Lawyer said. "It almost 100 percent is their responsibility. We'll work with these folks on what their needs are. It's been a flexible, mutual agreement that's been made. I see that continuing."

Parks Board member Clint

Holland expressed ongoing frustration with what happened during the change from KYSA managing the park to KLL taking control.

"It still bothers me because that equipment belonged to the fields," Holland said. "We allowed KYSA to strip the concessions and take the ice machine. That belonged to the park, not KYSA."

Lawyer noted he didn't disagree with Holland's view, while also pointing out his hands were a bit tied.

"But it was not an asset of the city," Lawyer said. "Bottom line, they were not city assets so there was nothing the city could do to step in."

Arnsmeier noted there is new equipment in place, such as the mower the city purchased last year.

"This is our second year back," he said. "It takes time to get an assessment of where the fields stand. I hope, moving forward, that we'll be able to work with you folks."

Lawyer encouraged KLL leaders to map out what needs to be done.

"Put together a list of projects or items," Lawyer said. "Create that list, then let's sit down and go through it. Some of it may be low hanging fruit. Let's get a list made so we can decide how to attack them. That was done by the KYSA folks at one point. If you did that, it would be a good starting point."

Lawyer said the proposed city budget for Fiscal Year 2015-16, expected to be approved by the Keizer City Council on June 1, has \$15,000 budgeted for KLL Park, a reduction of \$12,000 from this fiscal year.

"Five years ago we gave them zero," Richard Walsh said. "That (\$15,000) takes it out of other places."



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