



PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES - DRAFT
Wednesday, February 26, 2020, 5:00 PM
City Hall, 616 NE 4th Avenue

I. CALL TO ORDER

Staff: Jerry Acheson, Madora Doremus, Susan Newlove and Denis Ryan

City Council: Mayor McDonnell, Shannon Roberts and Melissa Smith

Present: Randy Curtis, Katy Daane, David Dewey, Jason Irving, Steve Lorenz,
Cassi Marshall and Phil Williams

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Approve the Minutes of the Parks Commission Meeting held on Wednesday, January 22, 2020.

 [Parks Commission Minutes - January 22, 2020](#)

A motion was made by Lorenz, seconded by Dewey, and carried to approve the minutes as written once an amendment was made to Agenda Item B: Sweetwater SUP 2020-2021 Renewal Proposal. This was a request made by Williams.

This Minutes was approved.

IV. MEETING ITEMS

- A. Heritage Trail Improvements

Denis Ryan stated that Parks Maintenance will start doing maintenance along Heritage Trail up to the 1.25 mile marker. This is the most narrow part of the trail, they will do substantial rocking and 400 feet of drainage improvements. The trail will be closed to the public during daytime hours beginning March 16. If the project continues until Spring Break, the project will be put on hold at that time and will continue in the Fall.

Ryan stated that the information about this project will be communicated on Facebook and the City website.

- B. Camas Little League - Prune Hill Baseball Field

Denis Ryan stated that Camas Little League would like to install a storage box at Prune Hill Sports field. In return, the Little League will maintain the field.

The league would like to start having games at the park and are requesting to have first priority use of the park. They currently have 800 enrollments this year for the league. In response to Lorenz, Ryan stated that there's no conflict with the soccer teams to use this field. In response to Williams' question regarding a verbal agreement with the City, Ryan stated that the city can post a schedule at the park. Williams suggested a one-year agreement with the option of renewal after one year and Acheson stated that the league could be making a substantial investment that may require a longer agreement, he will research this information.

C. Review and Finalize Annual Report

 [Camas Parks Commission Annual Report - 2020](#)

Acheson stated that the goals in the 2020 Annual report that take priority are the Legacy Lands Project and the PROS Comprehensive Plan update.

2019 Project updates in the Annual Report:

PRGA - Smith stated that the program has been suspended by City Council and added that it can possibly be brought up again.

Community/Aquatics center with joint committee work suspended.

Forest Home Park (ADA upgrades) are completed.

Cross boundary service agreement is completed.

Legacy Lands Acquisition and Planning is an ongoing process.

Design Review completed for Lacamas lake trailhead/Baz Park.

Ivy League program is on-going.

The following Eagle Scout Projects have been completed: Fallen Leaf Lake Park Sign and Life Jacket station at Heritage Park.

Skate park fundraising/design is ongoing and Marshall added that the Partners of Camas Parks & Recreation received a grant from the Community Chest for this project.

Capital improvement plan for the Camas Community Center has upgrades budgeted for 2020.

2020 goals in the Annual Report:

PRGA - Lorenz suggested keeping the option on the table since a lot of work has already been done on this. In response to Williams, Smith suggested approaching City Council first on this project before approaching city staff.

Pool/Aquatics Center - Acheson stated that they can include the pool in a survey with the PROS Plan update. Williams suggested four options to propose to the public; a swimming only facility, a mixed use swimming/community center facility, a water feature or a "no build" option. Curtis stated that the majority consensus from the group is to address this issue in the PROS Plan update process vs. as a stand alone process.

Legacy Lands Acquisition and Planning & the Leadbetter House - Public Engagement in process. Williams suggested a correction from "anticipating" to "responding" under this topic in the Annual report

The Ivy League Program has ongoing support with a goal of 2020 trees in 2020.

Williams stated that the next event is on March 7th.

Heritage Park Vehicle Parking & Management - Williams stated that they've spoken a lot about being proactive on this issue and he brought up the round-about construction. He suggested a partnership with the School District by using the UL property as a potential offsite parking and having a tram. Marshall stated that it's a big issue and suggested keeping it as a discussion.

Crown Park improvements - Restrooms and sports courts are budgeted for this year. Marshall stated that she'd like to see the approved plan implemented and eventually budgeted for. In response to Williams, Lorenz stated that the water feature would be part of the PROS plan.

Relationship with council - Curtis stated that the right steps are being taken now, they can then delete this goal for 2020.

Fallen Leaf Lake toxic algae bloom - Acheson stated that this topic will expand to Lacamas Lake.

Scout Projects - Marshall suggested a list of projects for when the city gets approached by Eagle Scouts.

Skatepark - Ongoing project.

Dog Park - Part of PROS plan.

Additional areas of interest: Dewey added the pickleball courts; Daane added adult exercise equipment in public parks; Marshall added the volunteer coordinator.

The Commission decided to prioritize items from the report at the next Parks Commission meeting in March.

D. Procedures Relating to Conduct at Commission Meetings

Curtis distributed a handout in which Bernie Bacon has answered several questions regarding the OPMA. He requested that the Parks Commissioners all review it prior to the next meeting.

E. Park Assignments

Curtis deferred this agenda item to the next Parks Commission meeting in March.

F. Parks Commission Roles and Duties

Curtis deferred this agenda item to the next Parks Commission meeting in March.

V. PROJECT UPDATES

Forest Home Park - The playground was installed in September, they are in the process of connecting the irrigation.

Goot Park - The merry-go-round replacement is in process.

VI. OTHER ITEMS

Parks and Recreation Commission - McDonnell stated that the parks and trails are a big draw to Camas. His vision for the Parks and Recreation Commission is to have fun, be respectful, be meaningful, and represent the community. Being cohesive and open minded as a group are also very important.

McDonnell stated that Bernie Bacon would like to review the OPMA standards with them. Williams stated that this process was covered very well at the most recent Planning Commission meeting.

Discussion ensued on a pool. Smith stated that City Council wanted to let the citizens bring this topic forward. Dewey suggested waiting a while before revisiting the pool topic again. Williams stated that this is an opportunity for simplicity and to break it down into four options; a swimming only facility, a swimming/community center facility, a splash pad or a "no build" option.

Agenda items for the monthly parks commission meetings - Smith suggested Deferring this item to the next Parks Commission meeting. Acheson stated that the city is using a new software program for agendas and will try to streamline them.

Williams stated they cannot have discussions relating to business by email but they can receive information and detail. He requested that each agenda submitter provide a few descriptive sentences for each agenda item.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 25th at 5 pm in the Council Chambers.