



Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes Wednesday, December 09, 2020, 5:00 PM Remote Meeting Participation

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CALL TO ORDER

Present: Randy Curtis, Katy Daane, Dave Dewey, Jason Irving, Steve Lorenz, Cassi Marshall, Shannon Roberts and Melissa Smith

Staff: Jamal Fox, Susan Newlove, Denis Ryan and Steve Wall

PUBLIC COMMENTS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. September 23, 2020 Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Marshall, seconded by Irving, and approved unanimously to accept the minutes of September 23, 2020 as written.

MEETING ITEMS

2. Parks Commission Annual Retreat – 2021

Curtis suggested holding the 2021 Parks Commission annual retreat after the new Parks and Recreation Director is hired. Curtis suggested making the Annual report an agenda item at the January 27, 2021 Parks Commission Meeting.

3. 2021-2022 Budget Summary
Presenter: Steve Wall, Public Works Director

Wall stated that the 2021-2022 budget was adopted at the City Council Meeting on Monday, December 7th. Wall stated that the budget will abide by the phasing of COVID and Clark County is currently in phase 2. The new budget is very similar to the one for 2019-2020. Wall stated that there is an increase in the Administration budget under the Parks & Rec budget for the PROS plan update. In response to Curtis regarding the Camas Cemetery, Wall stated that he will present the Cemetery budget at the January meeting. In response to Curtis, Roberts stated that she will bring up the topic of the MPD to City Council.

Wall presented the Capital Budget list for Parks and Recreation, which includes; Community Center renovation, Wildlife League boat launch, East Lake Trail construction, Parklands to Heritage Trail Design, Crown Park Restrooms and Sports Court, Skate Park improvements, North shore Legacy Lands, Grass Valley Park tennis courts, Northeast 3rd Ave trail design, Louis Bloch Park bleacher/ADA access improvements, equipment purchases.

Discussion ensued on the skate park. Roberts and Smith stated there's a community need for this project. Marshall stated that the Partners have fundraiser money for this project and they will be applying for a grant this year. Curtis recommended transferring budget funds from another project and Wall stated that he can look into the option.

PROJECT UPDATES

4. Parks Director Position
Presenter: Steve Wall, Public Works Director

Wall stated that the new Parks and Recreation Director will be hired by January or February in 2021.

5. Resolution 20-016 Lacamas Creek Watershed
Presenter: Steve Wall, Public Works Director

Wall stated that City Council adopted resolution 20-016 regarding water quality in the local lakes. City Council has directed staff to develop a budget proposal for this project, develop Partnerships

with local jurisdictions and create a Committee. Curtis made a recommendation to Council member Steve Hogan that there be representation on this committee from the Parks Commission. Dewey, Daane and Irving all offered to represent the Parks Commission on this committee.

6. Ediger Property Acquisition
Presenter: Steve Wall, Public Works Director

Wall stated that the Ediger property is located at 408 NW Lake Road. City Council approved this purchase in November. Curtis spoke about the role of the Parks Commission on city acquisitions and requested that city staff inform them of future acquisitions.

7. PROS Plan Update
Presenter: Steve Wall, Public Works Director

Wall stated that the deadline for submittals for the PROS Plan update from consultants is December 18th. This PROS plan should get updated every 6 years. The Parks Commission members will have a strong involvement in this update. A public process will take place too.

8. Miscellaneous Updates

Green Mountain – Wall presented parcel 1 and parcel 2 of this acquisition. Parcel 1 will close by the end of 2020 and parcel 2 will close by October 31, 2021. Marshall and Dewey stated that this is a phenomenal acquisition for the city for parks and open space.

Louis Bloch Project – Denis Ryan stated that the city will be making ADA access improvements at Louis Bloch Park. This will involve removal of some bleachers during the project.

Babe Ruth and Little League park access – The city will be coming up with a new policy for access to parks by the baseball leagues.

Grass Valley Park – Ryan stated that new play equipment will be installed soon at Grass Valley Park.

COMMISSION REPORTS

Steve Lorenz – Reviewed a list of parks and recreation projects completed from 1990 to 2020. Lorenz stated that this work accomplished by Jerry Acheson is impressive. Marshall and Dewey agreed. Smith stated that Acheson did a tremendous amount of work throughout his career. Lorenz thanked Acheson for his vision and legacy.

Jason Irving – Reviewed parks: Louis Bloch Park, Prune Hill Sports Park and Forest Home Park. Irving thanked Denis Ryan and his staff for the outstanding maintenance work done at the parks. He attended the Watershed Steering Committee meeting last week and the Clark County Advisory Board Committee meeting.

Cassi Marshall – An Ivy League volunteer removed over 1,000 plastic tubes at Washougal River Greenway Trail. The Partners will be giving out 500 New Year's goody bags to the Community.

Marshall thanked Denis Ryan for fixing the broken slide at Benton Park and thanked the city for improving the City steps. She stated that people are interested in volunteering during COVID and recommended allowing parks and recreation staff to work with volunteers during this time.

Katy Daane – Makes frequent visits to Coopers View Park, the park is getting a lot of use. She recommended some landscaping maintenance. Dorothy Fox Park has a lot of usage too. Daane inquired about current statistics on park usage during COVID.

David Dewey – Made visits to Grass Valley Park and Green Mountain Park. Grass Valley Park's chain-link fence at the tennis courts is peeling. Recommended some landscaping maintenance at Green Mountain Park. He mentioned that a sign has fallen near Green Mountain Park. Recommended a volleyball court facility at Fallen Leaf Lake Park.

Melissa Smith – Thanked the Parks Commission members for their dedication on the board.

Randy Curtis – Recommended the following January agenda items: park assignments, election of officers, annual report and training from Bernie on public meeting conduct.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting Adjourned at 6:48 pm. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 27th, 2021 at 5 pm.