

BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS MINUTES
Wednesday, October 2, 2019 5:30pm, Lacey City Hall

Present:

Commission: Ken Balsley, Sarah Daniels, Troy Kirby, Erwin Vidallon, and Aram Wheeler

Excused: Jason Griffith

Staff: Jen Burbidge, Carolyn Elliott and Erin Quinn Valcho

Public: Please see attached list, those with a Yes and a check mark commented. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. then adjourned for a break at 6:33p.m. then back to order at 6:38p.m. by Chair, Erwin Vidallon.

Additions or deletions to the Agenda

Item 6, Citizen/Public Comment on items not on the Agenda, was moved to #8 after New Business

Announcements & introductions

Minutes

The September 4, 2019 minutes were approved and placed on record.

Calendar

No changes

Correspondence

- a) McAllister Park. Jen handed out three documents:
 - an email that was missed in the packets
 - a letter addressed to the Commissioners that were hand delivered to the Parks & Recreation office. (The document will be scanned and put into next month's packet.)
 - an updated contact information sheet for Commissioners.
- b) Letter from Karen Fraser
- c) Pickleball
- d) Ice Arena
- e) Swim Lessons
- f) Woodland Creek Park regarding possible tree damage

Citizen/Public Comments on Items not on the Agenda

Old Business

- a) McAllister Park SPSDGA Proposal

Motion approved to allow SPSDGA to host two tournaments per year at McAllister Park site.

Erwin Vidallon, Aram Wheeler and Ken Balsley voted yes. Sarah Daniels and Troy Kirby voted no.

The following are some of the comments from the commissioners regarding this issue:

Erwin Vidallon: I appreciate the partnerships with SPSDGA and the

neighbors at McAllister Park's time and effort in sharing their thoughts and concerns. Due to the major parking challenges with the upcoming construction on Marvin Rd. and 19th Ave. we are not able to make a recommendation for a permanent disc golf course. We are looking forward to working with SPSDA and local user groups for Greg Cuoio Park. The benefits of this approach is it allows time for additional information about the Thurston County road project, the cost, and for Parks staff to have more time for public outreach.

Ken Balsley: I would prefer a more permanent location. The two tournaments are ok as long as it is understood this is a temporary solution.

Sarah Daniels: I would like to thank everyone who has shown up to share their thoughts and feelings and to the SPSDGA for their presentation. I feel this is an incompatible use for this park. I will not support disc golf at this location.

Troy Kirby: I can support it if there is a parking component that goes along with this. Staff should let the community know ahead of time when the tournaments will be held and work with SPSDGA for alternative parking. I do not support it as this time.

Aram Wheeler: The road project ultimately is what makes me not support a permanent disc golf course at this site. As I looked through emails seeing how many people view this park as an off leash dog park it concerns me. Please remember this is a City park and it is important to follow the park rules.

b) Park Rule Updates.

Motion approved to adopt Park Rules Updates

Ken asked for clarification to B2 & B3, and if the public meeting scheduled for October 16 regarding the Main Street parking lot would change anything. Jen answered no, and clarified that October 16 meeting is for the public to give feedback regarding creation of the Main Street lot. B2 addresses vehicles that are in the park's parking lot after operating hours and lets the public know their vehicle would get locked in to be retrieved during regular operating hours. B3 was a request from the police department so that vehicles are not allowed to occupy more than one parking space, which has been an issue in some lots. Furthermore, the City attorney has proofed the park rules to ensure they are consistent with the City's parking regulations. Erwin added these rule changes will help with public safety.

New Business

- a) Local RVCP Pickleball Group presentation. Sharon Carrier with the Pickleball group and Jack Kiley President of Washington State Senior games.
- Short term goal: obtain permission to paint lines on one of the tennis courts at Rainier Vista Park.
 - Long term goal: more court space at Rainier Vista, convert two tennis courts into pickleball courts
 - Dream goal: other pickleball courts at other locations and indoor courts

Jack Kiley requested more electrical access for the Senior Games. Ron Marcoe, organizer for Pickleball reported that he brought in about 80 new names. So in total there are approximately 400 emails on file of players. They would like to do tournaments that are fundraisers, to help pay for some of the things they are requesting. When the rain comes, players end up in the Olympia Center although there is not enough space. Their indoor needs are for open play and league play. They are currently working with Lacey Parks for the use of Salish Middle School.

b) Community Gardens Policy

Motion approved to adopt Community Gardens Policy

Sarah Daniels asked if in order to be considered for a community garden would you have to have previous experience. Jen confirmed that it would be a proposal that would come before the Park Board. The applicant must have a positive record of operating a garden. In that proposal, it would state how the public could access use of the gardens. If successful, the applicant would enter into a service agreement with the City.

Director's Report

- a) Staff Presentation-Erin Quinn Valcho shared the many aspects of her job.
 - This year the museum started a speakers series, three more left for this year. So far, 434 people have attended the speaker series.
 - Sasquatch exhibit came to Lacey museum this summer. Extended the museum hours for summer as well as the exhibit due to such a high volume of visitors. On opening weekend the museum saw 392 visitors, on a good day we would normally have 30 visitors.
 - 4100 people visited the museum this year; a normal year would be about 450 people. A good year was the 50th anniversary with 850 people.
- b) Sports Commission - no report
- c) Programs & Special Events
 - Fall registration was busy.
 - October 5th is Children's Day at Huntamer Park from 11am -2pm with a dinosaur theme.
- d) Construction Updates
 - 1. Depot Trail Amenity
 - 2. Wonderwood Park Playgrounds-Grand Opening was Sept. 19 Troy reported a good turnout. Deputy Mayor Cynthia Pratt was present.
- e) Planning
 - 1. New Museum & Civic Center, we should have a contract by the end of this week.
 - 2. Greg Cuoio Park RFQ. Bruce Dees & Associates and SCJ Alliance have been hired to move forward with the master plan. They are proposing a scope. The Park Board will be very involved in this process.
 - 3. 2020 Work Plan. Commissioners will have time to look it over and discuss at next month's meeting. Suggestions were made on the grouping of items. Jen

will update the back page and send it out to the commissioners via email prior to the next packets going out so commissioners have more time to review it.

- f) Grants & Budgets - no report
- g) Volunteers - no report
- h) Miscellaneous
- 1. Commissioners nominations next meeting
- 2. Park Tour is Friday, October 25 from 1:30-3:30pm. Jen will put an itinerary together and send it out via email to the commissioners.

Commissioner's Report

No report

Chair's Report

No report

Committee Reports

- a) PARC Foundation - No report

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.

Next meeting: Wednesday, November 6, 2019 at 5:30pm at Lacey City Hall.