

BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

Wednesday, July 5, 2017 5:30pm, Lacey City Hall

Present:

Commission: Lu Carlson, Ken Balsley, Alexandra Rivera

Excused: Sheelah McCoughan & Angela Jefferson

Staff: Jen Burbidge

Public: Bob Droll, Aram Wheeler and Kevin David

The meeting was called to order at 5:30pm, by Chair Ken Balsley

Additions or deletions to the Agenda

7C Wonderwood Park amplified music

Announcements & introductions

- a) Youth Commissioner search is underway, deadline June 30, 2017. No applications at this time. Jen will check in with staff to see if they would recommend anyone from Teen Council.

Minutes

No quorum

Calendar

Correspondence

No correspondence

Old Business

- a) Long Lake Beach Rules. Jen reported. Council approved rules as recommended. Season is underway, June 24th first day at Long Lake Beach with lifeguards on duty. Swim testing is going well. Definitely a challenge to get everyone through, but worth it.
- b) Item D. moved here, Smoking in Parks. At General Government Committee meeting Mayor Ryder, Deputy Mayor Pratt and Council members highly recommend banning smoking in all Parks as soon as possible. Ken is recommending that there is a voluntary smoking ban with designated smoking area at Long Lake Beach for a year. Signs will go up at Long Lake Beach. Jen noted that there is a designated smoking area at the RAC. Discussion to continue next time when there is a quorum.
- c) Park naming requests: Karen Fraser and Lori Flemm. There is a letter in your packets. City of Olympia and City of Lacey are in agreement to potentially name the Woodland Trail after Karen Fraser. Jen noted that Olympia Park Board and City Council has not voted on this yet. Scott Spence has been working with John Flemm, Lori's husband, on a series of benches throughout Lacey Parks. Just over \$5000.00 has been raised through the memorial fund. Ken asked about naming a park after Lori. Per policy it's a two year minimum to name a park after someone who is deceased.
- d) Sports Commission. Jen stated that the City Council had asked Park staff to do some research on this to see the need and benefit for the City of Lacey. City Council agreed this project should fall under Park Board's responsibility to recommend what the City of Lacey needs out of a Sports Commission / what is our score card for measurement of success. Jen shared the slideshow presentation with Park Board that was shared at City Council worksession.

Park Board agreed to talk more about it when there was a quorum.

New Business

- a) Youth Sports Advisory Committee: Jen thinks this is a great thing. In 2018 Rec staff will have an audit of all recreation programs. It would be good to invite people to the table to talk about programs and interests. Alexandra asked if the Youth Sports Advisory Committee would be a part of this meeting. We could start here, if it gets too big then move it to different time. Ken felt not appropriate to have a Youth Advisory Committee at a commissioners meeting, perhaps a separate committee meeting would be better and then our Youth Rep could report back to the commission. Jen said the Youth Sports Advisory Committee may be made up of someone from each of the following groups: NTPS, Boys & Girls Club, YMCA and a Student Rep and any community member that cares about youth sports. Will continue at next meeting.
- b) Park Board meetings start time: Ken would like to recommend changing the start time of meetings to 6:00pm.
- c) Amplified music at Wonderwood Park: Lu stated that the last couple of years he has seen (heard) an increase in amplified music at this park. Neighbors have come to him to complain. This is due to the ability to have free access to electricity. Discussion followed on possible solutions to help with this problem, which included removing or limiting access to electricity at some shelters if needed.
- d) Disc golf at Wonderwood Park. A presentation by Aram Wheeler and Kevin David on bringing disc golf to Wonderwood Park. Presented everyone with a map showing course placement and a series of questions. Shared information on what a growing sport disc golf has become and why they feel it would be an asset to Wonderwood Park. Some of the Commissioner concerns:
 - Parking
 - Clearing in the woods to create a path for course
 - Policy on neighborhood parks vs. community parks
 - Safety of trail users

Jen asked about the possibility of installing it at Cuoio Park. There was a long discussion about this topic. Ken asked what they wanted from Park Board, and Aram and Kevin said they just wanted us to consider the possibility much like we would the installation of any other sports fields or play equipment.

Director's Report

- a) Programs & Special Events
 1. July 3rd event was well attended with approximately 10,000 people
 2. Mid Summer's Ice Cream Event is Friday, July 7 at 5:00pm to 8:00pm
 3. Concerts are underway, well attended and usually have two food vendors
 4. Playground Pals. Jen had numbers from Kathy Owen that in 2016 13,766 lunches were served and 10,195 snacks (up to 3,000 could be daycamp). Not everyone stays after lunch for activities. This is for three sites. The numbers have

been dropping over the last several years. Lacey provides staffing, grants pay for the food.

b) Construction Project Updates

1. Pickleball at Rainier Vista is close to completion. When completed there will be an inaugural pickleball tournament that City Council and Park Board will be invited to participate in possibly at the end of July.
2. Depot Trail Amenity trying to get it out to bid. \$150,000 is for design of the depot and update of the entire site plan. \$100,000 from council. The goal is to have it constructed by the years end.
3. RAC bleacher covers. Hopeful that within the next two weeks it will go out to bid for all 5 bleacher covers. Work done in August due to lowest use time of year.

c) Planning

Jen gave a Parks & Recreation Comprehensive Plan update. Jen presented a slideshow with the latest updates and proposed changes. She stated that this project is ever morphing. As they looked closer at the plan it was found to be more outdated than what was originally thought. Recommendations need to go the Land Use Committee on August 7th, we need a quorum at August 2nd meeting so that we can make a recommendation.

The next opportunities to review the Comp Plan are:

- Draft on line July 7
- Park Board Aug 2 to review
- Land Use Committee August 7 (during the day)
- Planning Commission hearing August 15
- Council work session August 17
- Potential final adoption in September

d) Grants & Budget. No report

e) Volunteers. Lake Lois is still closed due to storm damage it may not be open for August 12 work party. Wanchers Park is first priority to open

f) Miscellaneous

1. Alexandra thanked everyone for the card

Commissioner's Report

No report.

Chair's Report

No report.

Citizen/Public Comments on Items not on the Agenda

No comments

Committee Reports

- a) PARC Foundation no report

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 7:07pm.

Next meeting: Wednesday, August 2, 2017 at 5:30pm at Lacey City Hall.

