

BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS MINUTES
Wednesday, October 3, 2018 5:30pm, Lacey City Hall

Present:

Commission: Ken Balsley, Troy Kirby, Carrianna Plascencia (arrived 5:37), Erwin Vidallon(arrived 5:35), and Aram Wheeler.

Excused: Sarah Daniels

Staff: Jen Burbidge, Carolyn Elliott, Jason Simmonds

Public: Ron Marcoe, Jeff Crane, Saint Martin's University; Rachel Friedman, Eileen Grigsby, Celeste Wade and Chris Hawkins, Sustainable South Sound

The meeting was called to order at 5:32 pm, by Chair Ken Balsley

Additions or deletions to the Agenda

None

Announcements & introductions

Jen noted that election of officers would be in December.

Minutes

The September 5, 2018 minutes were approved and placed on record.

Correspondence

No Correspondence

Old Business

- a) Sustainable South Sound presentation/Community Gardens discussion
Jen introduced that Sustainable South Sound is interested in City of Lacey passing a resolution regarding community gardens, and pointed out places in the Parks & Recreation Comprehensive Plan where this topic is mentioned. Knowing that parks doesn't currently have resources to operate community gardens, partnerships can be formed. Jen wanted Park Board to come up with some general goals around community gardens which could lead to draft resolution language.
- Rachel Friedman introduced herself and other members from Sustainable South Sound. She then gave a presentation regarding community gardens and the benefits they have on the community and its citizens. She also mentioned ways their agency could support.
 - Jeff Crane spoke to the importance of long-term sustainability when planning and developing community gardens. He shared his work at Saint Martin's University with Food Forests and the Community Farming program, the value of volunteers and the impact on the community.
- Jen will work with Rachel to develop a draft resolution that could be a good fit for the City of Lacey. Jen will bring the draft resolution back to Park Board.
- b) Park Tour follow up. Everyone agreed this was a great tour. They would like to have it become a bi-annual event.
- c) Youth Sports Interest Group. Desiree Atkins, Recreation Coordinator, led the first Youth Sports Interest Group meeting on September 9. Six people attended, their main frustration was lack of fields.

New Business

- a) Thurston County Specialized Recreation Agreement. This is for informational purpose only.

- b) Aquatics Follow up (from Sept. 20-work session) Council had requested more information on the joint use agreement with North Thurston School District.
- c) Zip Code Mapping Software. Jen is working with the city's GIS coordinator on how to track zip codes so that we can track direct spending for events held at our facilities.

Director's Report

- a) Programs & Special Events
Children's Day is October 6 at Huntamer Park 11:00am to 2:00pm
- b) Construction Project Updates
 - 1. Reminder Oct 23, new projects tour, the van will leave City Hall at 9:30am to go see the completed Woodland Creek trail and the RAC bleacher covers.
 - 2. Longs Pond dock. Has a hole in it, repairs are scheduled.
- c) Planning
 - 1. Joint City Council work session. Jen is working on a date.
 - 2. Updated 2018 Work Plan & 2019 Draft Work Plan. (On hold until November Meeting.)
 - 3. MPD update.
No update
- d) Grants & Budget
No report
- e) Miscellaneous
 - 1. Recreation Software. On 10/4/18 staff will review the Recreation Software RFP.
 - 2. NRPA Conference. Jen attended the conference in Indianapolis.

Commissioner's Report

No report

Chair's Report

No report

Citizen/Public Comments on Items not on the Agenda

Ron Marcoe asked how he would go about reserving indoor space at the school district's Sleater Kinney Annex for pickleball. Jen reported that facility is not available to the City or the public yet, but once it is he would follow the same procedure as all the other schools which is to book directly through the school office.

Committee Reports

- a) PARC Foundation
Jen gave the update for James Reddick. James will be phasing out of his role with the PARC Foundation. It will be moving into a more collaborative format, with the Parks & Recreational Directors of Lacey, Tumwater and Olympia providing more guidance. A flyer was distributed for the Puddle Jump, October 27 at 8:00am.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 6:33 pm.

Next meeting: Wednesday, November 7, 2018 at 5:30pm at Lacey City Hall.