

BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS MINUTES
Wednesday, October 4, 2017 5:30pm, Lacey City Hall

Present:

Commission: Ken Balsley, Lu Carlson, Sheelah McCoughan, Madison Miller, Aram Wheeler

Excused:

Staff: Jen Burbidge

Public: James Reddick, PARC Foundation; Andrew Skovran, VP South Puget Sound Disc Golf; Moria Davin, VCB; Shauna Stewart, Executive Director VCB; Ernie Byord, Sarah Daniels

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 pm, by Chair Ken Balsley

Announcements & introductions

Everyone went around and introduced themselves.

Additions or deletions to the Agenda

Ken Balsley, asked to move PARC Foundation report up on the agenda. It will be after the announcements.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adopt the agenda as amended.

Committee Reports :

a.) PARC Foundation. James Reddick reported:

- Applied for a grant to Nisqually
- Attended a meeting approx. three weeks ago with the people that are in charge of the Dawkins charitable trust, checks are coming out in November. PARC foundation should be receiving some money. Put in five proposals for Lacey, Olympia and Tumwater Parks.
- Earth Day meeting with the Lions Club and Parks Departments planning for 2018 with the school district. Making adjustments to the time.
- November 4, 2017 is the Puddle Jump 5k/10k run/walk stroll; postcards went out and signs are up, this is a fundraiser for the PARC Foundation.

Minutes

The August 2, 2017 minutes were unanimously approved and placed on record.

Calendar

Correspondence

In your packets you'll see a thank you card from the pickleball group and email from Ron Marcoe thanking the Park Board for the pickleball courts. They are really enjoying the courts!

Old Business

- a) Wonderwood Park shelter noise/amplified music
Jen reported, as a follow up, we cut the power to the shelter, since people were abusing the amplified music rule. We were going to take concerns as they came in, no concerns came in. Now that we are done with the busy season the power is back on.
- b) Sports Commission/economic impact: Jen reported that City Council directed Park Board to determine what metrics they would like to see in order to measure

the success of the current Sports Commission. Jen presented a brief presentation so that our new commissioners understand the background of this subject. Jen's questions to Park Board were "how are we going to measure success of the VCB Sports Commission and its impact to the City of Lacey? What does that look like/what is our score card for Regional Athletic Complex, and for sports in Lacey?" Discussion followed, and commissioners asked for more data and information. Commissioners wanted to know what the City is doing on our own with booking tournaments, and what exactly the VCB Sports Commission does for us. Commissioners said they need more information before they can determine what our scorecard looks like. Jen will schedule VCB to be on next month's agenda. Commissioner Ken Balsley said we should have a Lacey only Sports Commission, but Jen reminded him that City Council had recognized VCB Sports Commission as our current structure and that our assignment is to come up with metrics to measure its success. Of note, Moira and Shauna from VCB were in attendance as members of the public at this meeting, but not as presenters.

c) Youth Sports Advisory Committee- Athletics & Facilities Manager, Sue Falash will lead this committee.

d) Park Board meetings start time:

Everyone agreed to keep the start time at 5:30pm.

e) Disc golf at Wonderwood Park request: Jen reported that disc golf had come to us with some questions back in July. The questions are in packet item 6e. Park Board had talked about concerns:

- Parking
- Safety
- Clearing of natural areas to make the course

We won't be moving forward with disc golf at Wonderwood Park, not a good fit. Cuoio Park is a better place for a disc golf course. Comp plan was adopted 9/14/2017, in the comp plan on the short list for 2017-22 is developing a concept plan for Cuoio Park and disc golf is on the list.

f) Karen Fraser Park naming request: Woodland Trail was approved by the City of Lacey and the City of Olympia both councils agreed it will be called the Karen Fraser Woodland Trail. It runs from Lacey to the Capital.

New Business

a) Pickleball Courts Grand Opening & Inaugural Showcase Oct 12th @ 5:30pm

- 5:30pm Ceremony with City Council and Park Board members invited
- Showcase will be by a pickleball interest group in Thurston County
- There will be lines marked on the tennis courts so that people can learn how to play pickleball taught by members of the pickleball group.

Director's Report

a) Programs & Special Events

1. Fall registration brought in \$15,000 above last year's registration
2. First A.C.T. night had over 1,000 students in attendance. Looking for volunteers. Volunteers need to be over 18, if younger need to be on teen council
3. October 7th is Children's Day (free event) at Huntamer Park

4. October 11th Bus Rodeo at the RAC
5. Dec 4th Lighting of the Christmas tree & Lacey Lighted Parade
6. Dec 9th Breakfast with Santa and Buddy the Elf.
7. Volleyball is starting up

b) Construction Project Updates

1. Bleacher Covers are being redesigned by an engineer then will go out to bid. (First bid came back very high)
2. Cameras have been installed at Rainier Vista, RAC and Long Lake Parks
3. Depot Trail Amenity bid came in too high, will redo bid based on using in stock materials to lower the cost. The Depot Trail Amenity is being built as a replica but will not have authentic materials.

c) Planning

1. Comp plan adopted September 14, 2017

d) Grants & Budget

1. Will go over next meeting

e) Volunteers

1. We will be canceling the October 14th work party at Lake Lois, only one person signed up. There is a large group that will work on Friday, the 13th of October at Lake Lois, they are from Biolife Plasma Services in Lacey.

Commissioner's Report

Aram Wheeler reported he had an individual approach him regarding the idea of a street hockey court.

Chair's Report

Ken Balsley was at a Political Forum and the question was asked, Why Bucknell Field slipped through Lacey's fingers? Ken let them know that it is in the Parks & Recreation Comprehensive plan to acquire that property or enter into an agreement with the school district to get the fields operational. It is owned by North Thurston Public Schools. Jen stated that the City of Lacey has been talking with the school district about the property.

Citizen/Public Comments on Items not on the Agenda

Sarah Daniels stated that she is interested in being on the Park Board. Jen will check with Sarah on her address to see if she is in the City limits or the UGA.

Jen wanted to let the board know with Angela Jefferson resigning even though she was the 2nd UGA member, per municipal code her position will be first opened to a City of Lacey resident. If, after three months it is still unfilled then it can be opened up to a UGA resident.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.

Next meeting: Wednesday, November 1, 2017 at 5:30pm at Lacey City Hall.

