

BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS MINUTES
Wednesday, November 1, 2017 5:30pm, Lacey City Hall

Present:

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

Excused: Sheelah McCaughan

Staff: Jen Burbidge

Public: Sean Anderson and Chris Gilbert, South Puget Sound Disc Golf Association;
Shauna Stewart, Executive Director VCB; Moria Davin, VCB; Dean Burke, Tacoma
South Sound Sports Commission

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

Additions or deletions to the Agenda

Jen Burbidge requested to add item

6b) Dean Burke, Executive Director, Tacoma South Sound Sports Commission
presentation

Announcements & introductions

Minutes

The October 4, 2017 minutes were approved as corrected and placed on record.

Calendar

Correspondence

Old Business

- a) Pickleball Courts Grand Opening. Great event! Some Council members and Park Board members hit the pickleball over the nets. A good turnout. People really love the courts.
- b) Sports Commission discussion: Jen reminded everyone that the park board was given the task, by the City Council, to decide what metrics would be used to measure the success of the OLTVCB Sports Commission.

The following people were asked to give a presentation about what Sports Commissions do, and what metrics they use.

-Shauna Stewart, Executive Director OLTVCB

-Dean Burke, Executive Director TSSSC

In addition, Sue Falash, Athletic & Facilities Manager for LPRD reported on events that occur at the RAC and how she interacts with OLTVCB Sports Commission.

After the presentations there was time set aside for questions and answers:

- Ken Balsley asked, how much is budgeted for Sports Commission?
Shauna replied, \$100,000 is what VCB budgets.

- Aram Wheeler asked, what vetting process do you use to decide which sports you focus on? Shauna replied, working with TEAMS conference and local facilities.
- Lu Carlson asked, what is the projected growth?
Jen Burbidge replied, in the comp plan total population is projected to grow 9% by 2020.
- Aram Wheeler asked, with that projected growth what do you see as the next level for the Sports Commission?
Shauna replied, untapped resources and to develop properties that are different and unique.
- Lu Carlson asked, during peak periods what percentage is booked at the RAC for baseball and soccer?
Sue Falash replied, Baseball is filled to capacity, there is room for soccer to grow. We are competing with ourselves because our other facilities ie., Rainier Vista, has nice soccer fields and cost less to play there.

Park Board would like table any further discussion about Sports Commission until December's meeting.

- c) Lacey Rotary 50th Anniversary project/Community Gardens
This agenda item was tabled until the next Park Board meeting.
- d) Smoking on Park Property
Jen reported that the General Government Committee did not take Park Board's recommendation to keep the smoking in parks rule as is (not ban), but keep designated smoking areas as needed. Rather, General Government Committee asked for an updated staff report which would recommend a smoking ban, to be discussed at their next meeting on Nov. 13. Jen did not bring the updated staff report because it was not finished yet, but she will email it to Park Board members once it's done to keep them in the loop.

New Business

- a) 10 Minute Walk Campaign/media release
Mayor Ryder joined the coalition of Mayors to launch a "10 minute walk to a park" campaign. This is a great way to let people know about our Parks. It fits in great with the comp plans .5 mile walk to a park.

Director's Report

- a) Programs & Special Events. No report
- b) Construction Project Update. No report
- c) Planning-Comp Plan. No report
- d) Budget 2018

Motion approved to recommend the 2018 budget to the city council.

Chris Gilbert inquired about the Cuoio Park property, and if any funding was allocated for capital at this site. Jen explained that in the Comp Plan, a Cuoio Park Concept

Plan did make the short term list which means we will be working on this in the next few years; however, no specific money was allocated during budget cycle. It will be a City Council priority, moving into the New Year, to look at funding sources for the projects listed in the Comp Plan. Chris expressed interest in being involved with the Cuoio Park project process, along with Sean Anderson.

e) Volunteers. No report

f) Miscellaneous

Interviewed four potential park board candidates. We have the potential of four openings on Park Board. Lu expressed interest in staying on board if no qualified candidates are found; however, he has already served two terms and since there are qualified applicants he will be unable to continue per the municipal code. Mayor Ryder will wait until after elections on November 7th to place any new board members.

Commissioner's Report

No report

Chair's Report

No report.

Citizen/Public Comments on Items not on the Agenda

Committee Reports

a) PARC Foundation, No report

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 7:04 pm.

Next meeting: Wednesday, December 6, 2017 at 5:00pm at Lacey Senior Center.