

BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS MINUTES
Wednesday, August 7, 2019 5:30pm, Lacey City Hall

Present:

Commission: Ken Balsley, Sarah Daniels, Troy Kirby, Carrianna Plascencia, Aram Wheeler.

Excused: Erwin Vidallon

Staff: Jen Burbidge and Carolyn Elliott

Public: Please see attached list, those with a Yes and a check mark commented.

The meeting was called to order at 5:30pm., then adjourned for a break at 6:33 p.m.

and then back to order at 6:47 p.m. by Vice-Chair, Aram Wheeler

Additions or deletions to the Agenda

Item 8 New Business moved to after approval of minutes.

Item 9a moved after item 8 New Business.

Motion carried: To approve the agenda as amended.

Announcements & Introductions

Carrianna Plascencia's last meeting will be September 4, 2019. She will be recognized at the September 12th Council meeting for serving on the Park Board as a Youth Representative for this past year.

Jen and Mayor Ryder have been conducting interviews for Youth Representatives for Park Board, Historical Commission and the Library Board. There have been more applicants this year than in the past. They are still conducting interviews.

Minutes

The May 1, 2019 minutes were approved and placed on record.

Calendar

Correspondence

- a) McCallister Park emails
- b) Woodland Creek emails
- c) Avonlea Park
- d) Wanscher's Park
- e) Wonderwood Park

Old Business

- a) McAllister Park Disc Golf-June tournament recap. Jen gave a brief recap of the tournament which included some pictures of the parking along 19th Ave. The tournament was a success, and there were few issues. Jen and staff were on site the majority of the weekend, and were able to talk and interact with neighbors and disc golfers.
- b) Community Resilience Resolution. Council has adopted this Resolution, and it will now be up to staff and Park Board to finalize policy. Jen reported all the right partners are in place to pursue a Food Forest as a pilot project.

- c) Park Board of Commissioners updated contact info.

New Business

- a) Andrew Paquin, Forestry Intern.
- Has been working with the WIN projects.
 - Removing ivy at Lake Lois Habitat Reserve
 - Joint work party with Olympia Parks on Sept. 26, 2019 which is National Public Lands day. They will be cleaning up along Chehalis Western trail and Karen Fraser Woodland Trail.
- b) Justin Beard, Longs Pond dock grand opening Aug 22 @ 5:30-6:30pm
- There will be activities for kids
 - Interactive stations brought in by Washington Fish and Wildlife
 - Updated fishing regulations by Fish & Wildlife include seniors over 70 years old which is perfect with the Virgil S. Clarkson Senior Center adjacent.
- c) McAllister Park new proposal. Jen wanted board members to know that it came in. It will be put on a future agenda to look over.
- d) Thurston County Critical Areas Ordinance Fact Sheet. McAllister Park is in Thurston County boundary so this ordinance applies. Troy asked if we could have information on traffic patterns. Ken asked for clarification as to what Park Boards goal is with this discussion. Aram wanted to clarify that this is a continuation of public comment from last May and that we want to make sure we are giving everyone the opportunity to speak on either side of this discussion. Jen noted this fact sheet is important to ensure all parties are using consistent language and accurate information.

Director's Report

- a) Staff presentation-Sean Finney/ Athletics.
- Shared all the different camps that were held this summer and shared some pictures from the kids sports camps.
 - This year North Thurston Kiwanais donated \$500 for medals. WalMart donated \$1,000 for the Little Lacey T-ball League.
 - Shared some of the upcoming tournaments at the RAC
 - In addition, all the leagues that hold practices and games at the RAC and at other NTSD fields which Sean and Sue schedule.
- b) Sports Commission update (will be in September)
- c) Programs & Special Events
- 3rd of July Great event, up to 20,000 people in attendance
 - Lacey in Tune
 - Senior games, pickleball at Rainier Vista this past weekend over 300 participants.
- d) Construction Project Updates – Jen showed pictures
1. Long Lake & Longs Pond. Jen shared a presentation regarding the family entertainment series, and also the feedback the department has received about

the changes at Long Lake. She also updated Park Board regarding staffing challenges at the lake, and that there are no lifeguards on Mondays and Tuesdays.

2. Depot Trail Amenity-construction started June 17

3. Wonderwood Park Playgrounds installation/grand opening Sept.19@5:30pm

e) Planning

1. New Museum & Civic Center RFQ. Going with a local consultant, finalizing the contract. May have a contract within the next 4 weeks.

2. Greg Cuoio Park RFQ. Is now posted. There will be a walk through August 15. Jen will let Park Board members know what time and where to meet.

f) Grants & Budgets

1. 2020 Budget Requests. Jen highlighted the Capital Project requests and noted that Park Board would be involved with those if approved.

2. Thurston County Health Dept. smoke free signage grant. Jen reported the department received a \$5,000 grant from Thurston County which purchased 75 signs and posts to remind patrons not to smoke in the parks.

g) Volunteers - No updates

h) Miscellaneous - No report

Commissioner's Report

No Reports

Chair's Report

Aram let the commissioners know a citizen contacted the City about some non-productive dialogue that had occurred at a previous Park Board meeting around personal voting decisions. Aram reminded the commissioners to always respect the public's personal comments and choices, and engage in nothing but productive dialogue.

Citizen/Public Comments on Items not on the Agenda

Committee Reports

a) PARC Foundation - No report

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 7:24 pm.

Next meeting: Wednesday, September 4, 2019 at 5:30pm at Lacey City Hall.