

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

June 11, 2020

Members present Charlene Rios, Charles Maynard, Chuck Perry, Warren Tracey, Troy White, Ryan Holterhoff, and Greg Nevarez

Members absent

Staff present Spencer Grigg, Susan Schwiesow, and Stefanie Dunn

2020 MEETING ATTENDANCE RECORD

Name	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Charles Maynard	C	X	C	C	X	X						
Charlene Rios	C	E	C	C	X	X						
Warren Tracey	C	X	C	C	X	X						
Chuck Perry	C	X	C	C	X	X						
Ryan Holterhoff	C	X	C	C	X	X						
Greg Nevarez	C	X	C	C	E	X						
Troy White	C	X	C	C	X	X						

C=Meeting Cancelled X=Present A=Absent E=Excused R=Resigned

Call to Order

The regular meeting was called to order by Ms. Rios at 12:01p.m. via Zoom conference call.

Introduction of Guests

No guests present.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Tracey moved to approve the minutes dated May 13, 2020. Motion seconded by Mr. Nevarez. Motion unanimously approved and passed.

Correspondence/Communication

Mr. Grigg discussed the history about the Japanese Gardens in Moses Lake and how it does not truly have an official name. A request/proposal was submitted to rename the park “Dick Deane Family Historical Park” and Mr. Grigg reviewed this proposal with the group. Ms. Rios said the purpose of bringing it to this meeting was to get approval to move forward to have it reviewed by City Council for final approval. Mr. Maynard made a motion to name park as recommended in the proposal, which was seconded by Mr. Perry. Motion unanimously approved.

Recreation Update

Ms. Schwiesow advised that Explorer’s Day Camp started June 8th and program leaders are following recommended safety measures as they pertain to COVID-19. Ms. Schwiesow also advised that Parks and Recreation plans to open ballfields this month and Parks and Recreation staff and Maintenance are working together to ensure proper sanitation measures are in place.

Ms. Schwiesow said Parks and Recreation continues to work on a plan to open Surf-n-Slide Waterpark. Lifeguard classes are happening this week and Waterpark Supervisor, Tom Los has a meeting with Statewide aquatic group this afternoon to hopefully gain more information.

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New museum exhibit, “1968 – Folsom Redemption” showcasing Johnny Cash is being set up and will be ready for when the museum opens in Phase 3. Ms. Schwiesow also advised that Dollie Boyd, Museum Manager has ordered museum merchandise, which is not available to purchase online, but you can call the Museum to order items.

Director’s Report:

Mr. Grigg explained that per City Council, we will be re-opening park restrooms and playgrounds this week. There is concern about vandalism of the restrooms, so Maintenance is working to bring on their seasonal staff to meet both sanitation guidelines and locking the doors overnight.

Mr. Grigg advised that the City received a \$700,000.00 grant for COVID-19 related expenses. It includes, but not limited to, cleaning supplies, extra staff hours, etc. This grant will help relieve some of the City’s expenses caused by increased need of resources for COVID-19 guidelines.

Commission Questions/Comments:

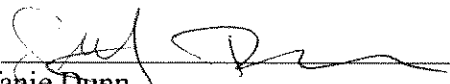
Mr. Grigg responded to a few follow-up questions regarding May’s meeting agenda, although nothing new to report on any items. Group discussion about whether this virtual format for the meeting meets the requirements for public access. Mr. Grigg explained that we are in compliance with requirements for public access due to the Governor’s emergency declaration. He also explained that the agenda has the Zoom meeting details included, which is posted online for public to access.

Mr. Grigg asked the group for feedback regarding the time of this meeting. Normally this meeting is held at night and we would like to avoid prime time for folks with their families, so the group is considering making this meeting occur in the afternoon instead of evening moving forward. Mr. Grigg advised that if anyone has objections, to please reach out to him.

Adjournment:

Mr. Maynard moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Perry. The meeting adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

Approved by Parks and Recreation Advisory Board on 9th of September 2020.

By: 
Stefanie Dunn
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