

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES

APRIL 11, 2012

Members present: Charles Maynard, Larry Dennis, Char Rios and Brian Dano
 Members absent: Hilda Grant, Bette Lang, Jonathon Brooks, Brent Kirwan and Kim Ries-Ashley
 Staff present: Spencer Grigg, Lori Moholt-Phillips and Kerri Fenner
 Guest present: Caleb Johnston, Moses Lake BMX Organization

2012 MEETING ATTENDANCE RECORD

Name	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Dano, B	X	C	E	X								
Brooks, J	X	C	X	E								
Dennis, L	X	C	X	X								
Grant, H	X	C	X	E								
Kirwan, B	E	C	E	E								
Lang, B	X	C	X	E								
Maynard, C	X	C	X	X								
Ries-Ashley, K	X	C	X	O								
Rios, C	X	C	X	X								

C=meeting canceled X=present O=absent E=excused R=resigned

Call Meeting to Order

The regular meeting was called to order by Chair Larry Dennis at 7:07 p.m.

Introduction of Guests/Visitors

Mr. Dennis gave a quick overview of the night’s agenda for those in attendance. Caleb Johnston, representing the Moses Lake BMX Organization, was present. Also present were several high school students.

Approval of Minutes of Prior Meeting

Mr. Maynard moved that the minutes of March 14, 2012 be approved as submitted, seconded by Ms. Rios. Approval was tentative however, pending the arrival of Ms. Ries-Ashley so there was a quorum.

Plat Reviews/Dedication, or Fee in Lieu of Land - Monthly Update

None.

Communication/Correspondence

Moses Lake BMX – Caleb Johnston addressed the Commission and answered their questions regarding his request to have camping on the BMX track on Sunday of Memorial Day weekend as they have done in the past. They would like to sell t-shirts to help fund the event. Mr. Grigg noted that the Larson Recreation Center will provide concessions for the racing on Sunday and Monday. Mr. Dano acknowledged that Ms. Ries-Ashley had still not arrived so there was no quorum, but felt the members present could go ahead and move to approve Mr. Johnston’s requests. Mr. Dano moved to approve the requests, seconded by Ms. Rios. Mr. Dennis explained that it will now move to the City Council to review the Commission’s recommendation to approve the requests.

Director’s Report

Commission Term Renewals –

Mr. Grigg reviewed the upcoming term expirations and the process for requesting reappointment.

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Parks Signage –

Mr. Grigg went over past issues with signage. The most recent incident involved the 2000 World Series, when a number of signs were sold in the community and placed at Larsen Playfield by the baseball organizations. A percentage of those proceeds went to the City. Following the World Series, that procedure regarding signage fell by the way side. The leagues have still been selling signs and changing out signs at the field, without the City being involved in it. This year the Youth Hockey Association requested that the City allow them to hang advertisement banners at the ice rink and they would share a percentage of those funds with the City. After reviewing past signage programs and past food and beverage sale proceeds from various organizations, the City determined that 10% of the Association's gross sales amount should come back to the City. The City has informed the baseball and softball leagues that they are still welcome to sell banners and signs at the ball parks, but the City will expect 10% of the proceeds to come back to the City, and the leagues will need to coordinate their efforts with the maintenance department. The Moses Lake Municipal Code states that all signage must be approved by the City. Significant discussion held regarding signage enforcement issues and procedures.

New Restrooms Update –

The site prep and demolition at both Blue Heron Park and Cascade Park is now complete. By the middle of next week the company should be able to bring in the restrooms and set them both in place on the same day. Revenue from cellular phone antennas on the City's water towers is funding the cost of the restroom replacements.

Pumps on Flowrider – The pumps checked out ok this year and did not need to be sent for repairs as with previous years. Discussion held regarding the previous problems with the pumps.

Ms. Moholt-Phillips reminded the members of upcoming events. Mr. Dennis asked about the ice rink being used for roller skating this summer. Brief discussion held.

Commission Questions and Comments

The Japanese Gardens are now open.

Adjournment

Ms. Rios moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Dano. The Commission ended up not having a quorum, so the minutes of March 14, 2012 will have to be approved at the next meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.