

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES

DECEMBER 12, 2012

Members present: Larry Dennis, Char Rios, Jonathon Brooks, Tiffany Quilter, Bette Lang, Charles Maynard, Kim Ries-Ashley and David Enquist
 Members absent: Brian Dano
 Staff present: Spencer Grigg, Lori Moholt-Phillips and Kerri Fenner
 Guests present: None

2012 MEETING ATTENDANCE RECORD

Name	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Dano, B	X	C	E	X	C	X	C	O	X	C	C	O
Brooks, J	X	C	X	E	C	X	C	X	X	C	C	X
Dennis, L	X	C	X	X	C	X	C	X	X	C	C	X
Grant, H	X	C	X	E	C	X	C	X	R	N/A	N/A	N/A
Kirwan, B	E	C	E	E	C	R	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Quilter, T	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	C	X	X	C	C	X
Lang, B	X	C	X	E	C	X	C	E	X	C	C	X
Maynard, C	X	C	X	X	C	X	C	X	E	C	C	X
Ries-Ashley, K	X	C	X	O	C	E	C	X	E	C	C	X
Rios, C	X	C	X	X	C	X	C	X	X	C	C	X
Enquist, D	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	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 7:04 p.m.

Introduction of Guests/Visitors

One visitor was present from Moses Lake High School.

Introduction of New Commissioner – David Enquist

Mr. Grigg introduced new Parks and Recreation Commissioner David Enquist. Mr. Enquist shared a brief summary of his background and experience.

Approval of Minutes of Prior Meeting

Ms. Rios moved the minutes of September 12, 2012 be approved as submitted, seconded by Mr. Brooks. Unanimously approved and passed.

Communication/Correspondence

None

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

None

Surf 'n Slide Water Park

Mr. Grigg went over the 2012 revenue and expenditure totals for the water park. Gross revenues totaled \$907,935.95 and gross expenditures totaled \$878,927.11, resulting in total net revenue of \$29,008.84 (all figures are year-to-date as of December 1, 2012.) Significant discussion held regarding revenue and expenditure sources, the extensive known and potential maintenance and repair issues we will be facing next year, and the proposed 2013 fee increases which should help pay for the extensive repair costs and the increase in employee wages due to the upcoming raise in the minimum wage. Mr. Grigg will provide more detailed information for our next meeting so the Commissioners can easily compare the revenue and expenditure breakdowns to previous years, and continue to discuss fee increase options to determine which increases should be made.

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Director's Report

Donation from Dick Deane Family – They donated \$50,000 to construct a plaza or interpretive wall in the park outside the Japanese Garden. The plaza/wall will highlight the pioneers and history of the area. Ideas are still in the formative stages. More information will be forthcoming as plans progress.

Lower Peninsula Park – Currently Lower Peninsula Park is just a boat launch and a bathroom; however, we are working with the Engineering Department to design a neighborhood park package which should go out to bid in the winter or spring. The park will encompass approximately 5.4 acres of the total 22 acres in the parcel. Due to budget constraints the park will be limited to phase 1 development, which consists of underground sprinklers, turf and a few trees. Our long-term goal is to try to develop some of the remaining land, including installing sports fields and other amenities. This would require major construction though, so it will be a ways down the road. Brief discussion held.

Alder Street Fill Holiday Lighting – Last year at the completion of the holiday season the City Manager looked at the number of hours it took to put the lights up on the Alder Street Fill, and the fact that the trees have gotten so large that the maintenance staff had to get out in the middle of the road with Genie lifts and bucket trucks to get the lights on the trees, with flaggers in the street to redirect traffic. In addition, we had to make repairs almost on a daily basis as a result of repetitive vandalism to the lights. Due to current budget constraints and the increased costs and safety issues, we will not be putting holiday lighting up this year.

Commission Questions/Comments

Mr. Maynard asked if Parks and Recreation is involved in fund raising for the library project. Mr. Grigg responded that the Parks and Recreation Department is only involved in the exterior grounds surrounding the library. The City does not raise funds; that is done by independent organizations. Mr. Maynard explained that he spoke with one member of the Women's Club in Moses Lake, which is now closed. According to the member Mr. Maynard spoke with, the Club had \$100,000 when they closed and the member feels the Club should donate the funds to the library since the Club was instrumental in getting the library here in the 1960's. Mr. Maynard stated that the president of the library foundation has been informed that the Women's Club may be interested in donating funds.

Adjournment

Ms. Rios moved to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Ries-Ashley. Meeting adjourned at 8:23 pm.