

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES

AUGUST 13, 2014

Members present: Larry Dennis, Charles Maynard, Tiffany Quilter, Char Rios, Connor Lange and Bette Lang
 Members absent: David Enquist
 Staff present: Spencer Grigg and Lori Moholt-Phillips
 Guests present: Mayor Dick Deane

2014 MEETING ATTENDANCE RECORD

Name	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Dennis, L	X	C	X	C	X	C	C	X				
Quilter, T	X	C	X	C	X	C	C	X				
Lang, B	X	C	X	C	E	C	C	X				
Maynard, C	X	C	X	C	X	C	C	X				
Rios, C	E	C	X	C	X	C	C	X				
Enquist, D	X	C	E	C	O	C	C	E				
Lange, C	X	C	E	C	X	C	C	X				

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

Call Meeting to Order

The regular meeting was called to order by Chair Larry Dennis at 7:03p.m.

Introduction of Guests/Visitors

Mayor Dick Deane present.

Approval of Minutes of Prior Meeting

Ms. Quilter moved the draft minutes of May 14, 2014, be approved as submitted, seconded by Mr. Lange. Unanimously approved and passed.

Communication/Correspondence

Mr. Grigg explained that the letter from Ms. Knapp regarding her season pass has already been handled.

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

None.

Director's Report

2015 Budget –

We have submitted our preliminary budget for 2015 to the Finance Director. The budget is still tight due to the REC/Grant County tax issue. There may be adjustments to the budget once the City Manager has reviewed it.

Cascade Park Swim Area –

The Cascade Park swim area is now installed. It was a long process due to the extensive permitting process. We had to pull the swim area in towards the shore a little last week due to the American Power Boat Association National Race being held at Cascade Park. The Association rented out the entire campground for the whole week. Mr. Grigg gave a brief summary of the event.

Lower Peninsula Park –

Mr. Grigg showed a picture of the Lower Peninsula Park project and reported on the progress of the project. We will have a dedication ceremony in the future when the park is completed.

Heron Bluff Trail –

At last night's City Council meeting, the Council awarded the bid on the Blue Heron Bluff Trail project. The process should start moving forward sometime in the near future. Brief discussion held.

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Employee Service Awards –

Also at last night's City Council meeting, the Council awarded years-of-service pins to five Parks and Recreation Department employees.

Surf 'n Slide Pool Paint Project –

For two years in a row we have re-painted the pool with the surfacing paint that we were told would last a significant amount of time. However, at the end of last season the paint turned yellow. We contacted the company that sold us the paint and they informed us they did not guarantee the paint would not discolor. The distributor ended up providing us with a white epoxy to coat over the yellow paint and assisted us in applying the epoxy. There are now a few spots where the epoxy is peeling off and exposing the yellow paint. The distributor will be coming back at the end of this season after the pool is drained to fix this new issue.

Ms. Moholt-Phillips' Report

New Parks and Recreation Customer Service Representative –

Joanne Garry retired in June. We just hired Steven Kinser as our new Customer Service Representative. It was a long process to find a replacement for Joanne. We interviewed 11 people and narrowed it to three finalists. We then got together as a staff and decided unanimously who the best candidate was.

Mt. Rainier Professional Baseball League –

Susan Schwiesow was contacted by Mike Green. He is starting the Mt. Rainier Professional Baseball League in 2015 and wanted to know if he could start up a semi-pro team here in Moses Lake. There would be an Eastern Division and a Western Division. Moses Lake would be part of the Eastern Division with Ephrata, Kennewick and Richland. There would be about 35 home games in each of the venues. It is an adult league. The City Manager has given his approval and we are now just waiting to hear back from Mr. Green.

Seattle Public Television Interview –

Freya Liggett will be interviewed by Seattle Public Television on Saturday about the Museum and Art Center.

Commission Questions/Comments

Ms. Lang reported that she has received a few complaints about the soccer players at Dano Park leaving it a mess and setting a fire. Mr. Grigg responded that the fire was a result of vandalism, not the soccer league. The league plays on various fields and has left the other fields in good condition. Mr. Dennis reported that when the league has played at Yonezawa Park he was impressed by how clean they left it. Discussion held. Most of the issues at the fields are a result of vandalism. Mr. Grigg will follow up on this issue.

Mr. Maynard brought up multiple items he feels need to be addressed. Brief discussion held about each item.

Ms. Quilter asked about the proposed dog park and some of the dead trees around town. Brief discussion held.

Mayor Deane addressed the Commission and thanked them for their input. He also spoke to them about trails; our Sister City; Mr. Gavinski's 35-year service to the City and the positive things he has done for our community; GTA's purchase of the downtown 7th Day Adventist Church building for their central hub; our need for more schools; the importance of the Parks and Recreation Commission and the Tourism Commission to the community; and the locations in our community he has shown to the Governor. Mr. Maynard asked if the Mayor or Council Members have been to our public library. Discussion held regarding the library and how much the community uses it. Ms. Quilter asked about the school bond levy. Brief discussion held.

Adjournment

Ms. Quilter moved to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Rios. Meeting adjourned at 8:07 pm.