

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

January 13, 2021

Members present Charles Maynard, Chuck Perry, Charlene Rios, Warren Tracey, Ryan Holterhoff
 Members Absent Troy White and Greg Nevarez
 Staff present Spencer Grigg, Susan Schwiesow, Clayton Pray, and Stefanie Dunn

2021 MEETING ATTENDANCE RECORD

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

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

Call to Order

The regular meeting was called to order by Charlene Rios at 12:00 p.m. via Zoom conference call.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Maynard moved to approve the minutes dated November 12, 2020. Motion seconded by Mr. Perry. Motion unanimously approved and passed.

Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Board discussion about chair and vice chair for this Committee. Mr. Perry moved to nominate current Chair, Charlene Rios and Vice Chair, Charles Maynard for another term. Motion seconded by Mr. Holterhoff and unanimously approved by the Board.

Recreation Update

Ms. Schwiesow advised that the museum is open starting this week for reservations only. There are private tours scheduled for community members and part-time staff are back to work.

Ms. Schwiesow explained that the ice rink remains open for hockey, skate lessons and public sessions with guidelines from the Health Department and Governor’s office on safety. She advised we are limited to 40 people on the ice at one time, which has caused some feedback from the community, but our ice rink Supervisor and staff are working through those conversations. Overall, Ms. Schwiesow advised that the community appreciates the rink being open this season even with limitations.

Ms. Schwiesow advised there are still soccer practices occurring on our ballfields; she advised that no games are allowed anywhere in WA State per Governor’s office guidelines. Staff are working on activities and programs for the Spring and Summer Brochure.

Ms. Schwiesow also advised that 2021 reservations for Cascade Campground have begun and has been very well received. Reservations are steadily growing, particularly for Memorial Day weekend.

Parks Update

Mr. Pray shared that new playground structures have been ordered for both Gillette Park and Knolls Vista Park, which are replacing the current playground items at each park. No estimate arrival at this time but it will be sometime this Spring. Parks & Recreation is working to replace outdated playgrounds as part of the comprehensive plan.

Mr. Pray advised that the railroad has started cleaning up their property along Neppel Trail, which is good to see. New Homeless Camp has helped with the homeless that camp down along Neppel Trail because Moses Lake Police Dept. can now redirect those folks where they can go.

Mr. Pray advised that some stabilization work has been done on boat launches this winter. New concrete and shoreline clean-up to improve the regular use of these launches in the community.

Director's Report

- A. Creative District Creation – Ms. Schwiesow reviewed the details of this program and the benefits it offers in a community. She also explained that a committee has been formed with key members in the community and asked that someone from this Advisory Board volunteer to represent the Board on this committee. She advised that the first meeting for this new committee is scheduled for January 21, 2021 at 2:00pm. Charles Maynard and Chuck Perry volunteered to represent this Advisory Board on the new committee.
- B. Department Rename – Mr. Grigg explained that Parks & Recreation Dept. is inclusive of The Moses Lake Museum & Art Center, however, the current department name does not represent that well currently. He went on to explain that the City is looking to rename the department: Parks & Recreation & Cultural Services. Board discussion on this idea and Board unanimously agreed that changing the name to include the Museum is a good idea. The Board also discussed how to market the Museum to the community. Mr. Maynard made a motion to approve the department name change. Motion seconded by Mr. Perry. Motion unanimously approved and passed.
- C. Comprehensive Park, Recreation & Open Space Plan – Mr. Grigg explained briefly that this year Parks & Recreation will be working on the Comprehensive Plan & Open Spaces Plan, which expires this year and must be renewed. He advised this is high priority for Parks & Recreation this year.
- D. Undeveloped City-Owned Land – 64 acres near the Municipal Airport was discussed by this Board last fall 2020. The request of the Board is to designate a portion of this land for a Parks & Recreational facility. The proposal based on other City developmental interests, is to designate about 14 acres for Parks & Recreation use and allow the rest to be used for other city purposes. Board discussed potential for small recreational community center for the portion designated for Parks use. Mr. Perry moved to accept the designated portion for Parks use as proposed in document. Motion seconded by Mr. Holterhoff. Motion unanimously approved and passed.

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Comments/Questions from the Board:

The Board expressed their congratulations to Spencer Grigg as he retires from the City of Moses Lake and thanked him for his years of service to this community.

Board discussion around population growth of Moses Lake and how that impacts Parks & Recreation. There is potential for more parks in the city

Adjournment:

Mr. Maynard moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Tracey. The meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

Minutes approved by Parks & Recreation Advisory Board on 10th of February 2021.

By: 
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