

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

December 12, 2018

Members present: Charlene Rios, Charles Maynard, Arin Swinger, Warren Tracey, Chuck Perry, and Ryan Holterhoff

Members absent:

Staff present: Spencer Grigg, Susan Schwiesow, Roland Gonzales, and Pam Escure

Guests present: Alberto Chavez, Phillip Hanson, James McEachran, Clayton Pray, Martin Oliva, Dean McPherson, Ruben Valdez, Thomas Moschner, and Andres Oliva

2018 MEETING ATTENDANCE RECORD

Name	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Lange, Connor	C	X	C	E	C	X	C	X	C	X	C	R
Maynard, E. Charles	C	X	C	X	C	X	C	X	C	X	C	X
Rios, Charlene	C	X	C	X	C	X	C	E	C	X	C	X
Swinger, Arin	C	X	C	X	C	X	C	X	C	X	C	X
Tracey, Warren	C	X	C	E	C	O	C	X	C	E	C	X
Chuck Perry								X	C	X	C	X
Ryan Holterhoff								X	C	X	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 Rios at 7:01 p.m.

Introduction of Guests/Visitors: Alberto Chavez, Phillip Hanson, James McEachran, Clayton Pray, Martin Oliva, Dean McPherson, Ruben Valdez, Thomas Moschner, and Andres Oliva

Approval of Minutes of Prior Meeting

Ms. Swinger moved the draft minutes of October 10, 2018, be approved as submitted. Motion seconded by Mr. Perry. Motion unanimously approved and passed.

Correspondence/Communication:

None.

Parks Maintenance Crew: - Introduction

Mr. Roland Gonzales introduces himself to the Board Members, as well as the new Board Members. Indicates that he is very proud to be here and introduce his maintenance staff, indicates that they make his job easier and that they are a good team. Discussion held and introductions of maintenance staff follows: Thomas Moschner, Alberto Chavez, Phillip Hanson, James McEachran, Clayton Pray, Martin Oliva, Dean McPherson, Ruben Valdez, Andres Oliva, and Rolando Gonzales.

Mr. Gonzales states that we have 26 parks and maintain 207 developed acres, 170 undeveloped acres, and 12 specialized facilities. Further comments on the pride that the maintenance workers show in their work. One of the biggest challenges that he has is the seasonal employees, the work hours, and that it is hard to find individuals that want to work challenging hours and for minimum wage and indicates that the guys all help out.

Mr. Gonzales touches on the homeless issues regarding the tents and the maintenance crew cleaning up after the homeless. Comments regarding the ballfields and the preparation of the ball fields. Indicates that we have 4 people that mow during the season. Indicates that there is a lot of work that happens before the facilities are utilized by the public.

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Mr. Gonzales reviews and discusses the booklet provided to the Board Members. Ms. Rios thanks Roland and all the maintenance workers for their hard work and dedication. Further comments.

Mr. Perry indicates that he has lived in Moses Lake a long time and is very impressed on how well the parks are maintained. Further comments and thanks everyone.

Mr. Maynard questions if the employees get any type of training other than on-the-job. Mr. Gonzales responds and states yes that they are trained. Some of the skills they bring with them, they do the best that they can to do the job that they are doing as best as possible.

Ms. Swinger comments and indicates that the maintenance job is not always glamorous but very much appreciated.

Mr. Hoelterhoff indicates that he really appreciates the hours that maintenance puts in and work they do.

Mr. Tracey indicates he would like to thank the maintenance crew on everything that they do and indicates that he works for Lakeside Disposal and if any of the maintenance department has any questions regarding garbage and hazardous material, please stop and ask questions any time.

Mr. Grigg comments and states that maintenance does have a lot of pressure on them, specifically the water park. The water park is very complex and it runs smooth because of these guys, as well as the Japanese Gardens, and Ice Rink. When the community is out playing on holidays, weekends, etc., these guys are out working. Parks & Recreation works when the community plays. Mr. Grigg adds that we have 3 maintenance individual which have national certifications.

Ms. Rios excuses the maintenance employees.

Program Promotion - Monthly Update

Ms. Schwiesow indicates that she has provided a copy of the newsletter for the Museum, which goes out the Museum members. Further comments that there are 9 teams enrolled for dodgeball this month and it is becoming more popular. States that two different gyms are being utilized for dodgeball and they rotate between the gyms for the games. Mr. Tracey indicates that teams are being split up between North and Knolls Vista gyms and indicates the teams are having a great time. Ms. Schwiesow states 36 people registered for beginning hockey and the second session will be starting soon. Little Hoopsters, Little Dribblers, and Mat Muscle programs have roughly the same numbers as last year. Ms. Schwiesow states "Letters from Santa," a new program started this year and 30 people have signed up. The Museum also implemented a new program "A Pet in Show" beginning February 1st and will still take entries until December 14, 2018.

Mr. Perry questions if there is a master list of all the Parks programs? Mr. Grigg indicates that we have the program guides, but that does not touch what the maintenance does either. Discussion further held.

Ms. Schwiesow questions what should be on the master list? Mr. Perry indicates that it should be just the activities. Discussion further held. Ms. Schwiesow indicates that she will put a master list together for the next meeting. Discussion further held.

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

No plats.

Director's Report

Parametrix (Impact Fees) – *Update* – Mr. Grigg reports that it is early in the stages. Directs the Board to the Impact Fee packet provided. Mr. Grigg further states that the timeline is still up in the air. Discussion further held regarding available developmental land left in Moses Lake.

Homeless Issues – *Update* – City Council passed the ordinance that closes the parks from 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. to the public and that we should be seeing some tents disappear or relocate. Indicates that the police department, next week, will be going to the homeless camps advising them that they cannot be in the parks from 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. and we hope to see a positive outcome for the parks. Discussion further held. Ms. Swinger comments regarding City of Spokane and warming shelters. Mr. Grigg responds. Discussion regarding homeless shelter v. warming shelter.

Mr. Maynard questions that if a person discovers that they are homeless can that person address a public official or individual for assistance? Mr. Grigg responds and comments regarding the needle exchange program with the Health District, providing hazardous dispensary for needles to be placed in. Mr. Maynard questions if there are gloves available so no one gets punctured? Mr. Grigg responds. Discussion further held.

Mr. Tracey questions if you have to sign in into the warming center? Mr. Grigg indicates that yes you do. Discussion further held.

Ice Rink – *Update* - Incredible ice this year. Indicates maintenance has done great job with wind screens and overall doing real well this year. Discussion further held.

Larson Playfield Lighting – *Update* – Mr. Grigg provides an update on the scoreboards and lighting on Larson. Discussion further held.

Commission Questions/Comments

Ms. Rios questions about Connor? Mr. Grigg responds that Connor took a new job in Spokane Valley and will be working under Lori Barlow. Mr. Grigg comments if anyone knows anyone who might want to serve on the Board will be nice to have Connor replaced. Indicates that we should, at some point in the future elect a new Vice-Chairman.

Mr. Maynard questions regarding the Christmas Lights downtown? Is it a new light system from last year? Mr. Grigg indicates that Roland's group assisted the MLBA group. Discussion further held. Discussion regarding high winds from last evening and how it affected the lights.

Ms. Swinger comments regarding the Moses Lake Youth Hockey Association and draws the attention of the Board to the pictures regarding the need of more sheds. Questions what the viewpoint is of the Board? Feels that this issue needs to be discussed further for the need of changing sheds. Mr. Grigg responds, indicates might be premature until we see designs for the new rec center. Ms. Swinger indicates that they are desperate for places to change during the hockey tournaments. Mr. Tracey questions what the cost of the shed would be? Ms. Swinger does not remember the cost? Built on site, and she does not remember the cost. She indicates that it would cost the City nothing. Mr. Grigg indicates approximately \$10,000 per unit. Mr. Gonzales responds and discussed additional shed or areas for changing and one of the issues was where to put a third shed. Discussion further held. Ms. Swinger questions if can bring the issue back up in February for the fall, would it be feasible. Mr. Gonzales comments and indicates that the building is in the works and locker rooms could be part of the plan of the new building. Further comments. Ms. Swinger further states that what the Hockey Association is wanting to do is funded and they will bring in a contractor, however, the answer always is a no. Discussion further held.

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Mr. Maynard indicates that there should be discussion on what the new LRC building should have. Mr. Grigg comments. Mr. Perry comments regarding hockey tournaments and tents on either side of the bleachers and questions why cannot the tents continue? Ms. Swinger indicates that it is pretty expensive to keep the tents. Mr. Grigg indicates a couple of years prior, semi-trailers have been provided. Further states that we are open to ideas but would have to be moving those sheds a couple of times a year. Discussion further held. Mr. Tracey questions if you need something enclosed for kids to change, can drop off a 40 yard box, it would be enclosed for kids to change in. Discussion further held.

Adjournment

Mr. Maynard moved to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Swinger Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Approved by the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board the 13th day of February, 2019

By:



Pam Escure

Department Secretary

Moses Lake Parks & Recreation