

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES

MAY 13, 2015

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

2015 MEETING ATTENDANCE RECORD

Name	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Dennis, L	C	X	X	C	X							
Quilter, T	C	X	X	C	X							
Lang, B	C	X	X	C	X							
Maynard, C	C	X	X	C	E							
Rios, C	C	X	X	C	X							
Enquist, D	C	X	E	C	E							
Lange, C	C	E	E	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 7:03 p.m.

Introduction of Guests/Visitors

Mayor Dick Deane, Don Myers and Kayla Fulbright present.

Approval of Minutes of Prior Meeting

Ms. Rios moved the draft minutes of March 11, 2015, be approved as submitted; seconded by Ms. Lang. Unanimously approved and passed.

Communication/Correspondence

Connie Cervantes – Seahawk Event –

Ms. Cervantes was not present. Mr. Grigg gave a summary of what she is requesting, as far as he understands it from her letter and her appearance at two City Council meetings. Discussion held. At this time we don't have any money to assist her, but her ideas are good. She is welcome to attend one of our meetings. Because she wants her events to occur on Memorial Day weekend, she may want to consider contacting Moses Lake Spring Festival to coordinate something with them for next year since there isn't really enough time this year.

Kyle Bahl – September Outboard Race –

The Seattle Outboard Association is requesting to hold their boat race at Cascade Park the weekend of September 12th. Discussion was held regarding the event. Mr. Grigg doesn't feel they need to rent the entire park because we aren't that busy in September. We would however need to let any other campers know about the boat race in case they want to choose another weekend to stay. Ms. Lang made a motion to recommend that the City Council approve Mr. Bahl's request. Ms. Quilter seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Mr. Grigg will forward the Commission's request to City Council.

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

Crossroads North Phases II-VI Major Plats –

We have been in meetings with the Hayden Corporation on Crossroads North Phases II-VI. They hope to construct one phase per year. We met with them on the possibility of waiving two years of fee-in-lieu and having them build the park up front and dedicate and donate it to the City after it's completed. Mr. Grigg explained why this would be a benefit to both the City and Hayden. We have preliminary approval from Hayden and they may be able to complete the park by the end of this summer. Discussion held regarding the park location and amenities.

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Director's Report

Surf 'n Slide Water Park –

Surf 'n Slide Water Park will be opening on Memorial Day weekend. The new paint job on the bottom of the pool has now been completed and looks great. Mr. Grigg gave a brief history of the issues we have had with the paint manufacturer and their product failing multiple times previously, and the steps we have had to take with the manufacturer to ensure the paint job is not going to fail this year.

Parks and Recreation Commission Opening –

Mr. Enquist has indicated that he does not intend to seek reappointment to his position, which expires at the end of this month. Anyone who requests to be appointed to his position will need to live within the city limits of Moses Lake.

Comprehensive Plan Update –

Our current 5-year Comprehensive Plan expires at the end of this year. We must have a current comprehensive plan in order to apply for any state or federal grants, such as the grant we applied for and won for the Heron Bluff Trail project, which paid for a third of the project expenses. The last time we had to update our plan, we had to pay a consultant over \$30,000. The City has its own Growth Management Comprehensive Plan required by state law, which has to be updated annually; then we also have our own Parks and Recreation stand-alone comprehensive plan which has to be updated every five years. We have communicated with RCO, the agency that awards state and federal grants for the types of projects we deal with, and they have told us that rather than updating the stand-alone plan we have, the City's Growth Management Comprehensive Plan can just be updated with some added opportunities for public input regarding parks and recreation. Community Development has indicated they can do this, which will save us having to pay a consultant and will allow us to continue to apply for grants.

Heron Bluff Trail --

Last night the City Council voted unanimously to rename the Heron Bluff Trail to the Joseph K. Gavinski Trail in honor of Mr. Gavinski's approximately 36 years of service to the City of Moses Lake.

Concessions Update –

Mr. Grigg summarized why the City Council's closure of the Larson Recreation Center resulted in us having to lay off our Concession Manager and only offer concessions at Surf 'n Slide this year. We sent out RFP's to local non-profit youth groups to see if any of them wanted to provide concessions at the ballfields this year. At last night's City Council meeting, the Council approved a request from Robo Girls to use our facilities to provide concessions at our ballfields. Mr. Grigg expressed his concerns and shared that he addressed the City Council again last night regarding the multiple things broken down at the ballfields and the fact that if we don't get approval to fix them in the near future, some of the tournaments may decide not to return to Moses Lake.

Ms. Moholt-Phillips' Report

The Heron Bluff Trail ribbon cutting ceremony will be June 13th at 9:30am. It will occur during the Moses Lake Triathlon which is held at Blue Heron Park. Freya Liggett, the museum manager, has put together a bicycle poster contest. The winners of the contest will be invited to the ribbon cutting ceremony and awarded with bicycles that have been donated to the City.

Commission Questions/Comments

Mayor Deane shared the history of how Mr. Gavinski and State Representative Gary Chandler worked together to persuade the State of Washington to give what is now Blue Heron Park to the City years ago. He also shared his excitement at the growth Moses Lake is experiencing. He reported that the Interim City Manager has a 3-page report that lists all of the new businesses getting ready to open here.

Adjournment

Ms. Rios moved to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Lange. Meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.