

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES

FEBRUARY 10, 2016

Members present: Larry Dennis, Bette Lang, Charles Maynard, Tiffany Quilter, Charlene Rios and Connor Lange
 Members absent: David Estudillo
 Staff present: Spencer Grigg
 Guests present: None

2016 MEETING ATTENDANCE RECORD

Name	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Dennis, Larry	C	X										
Quilter, Tiffany	C	X										
Lang, Bette	C	X										
Maynard, E. Charles	C	X										
Rios, Charlene	C	X										
Lange, Connor	C	X										
Estudillo, David	C	E										

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 7:02 p.m.

Introduction of Guests/Visitors

None.

Approval of Minutes of Prior Meeting

Ms. Lang moved the draft minutes of December 9, 2015, be approved as submitted; seconded by Ms. Rios. Unanimously approved and passed.

Communication/Correspondence

None.

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

Sun Terrace No. 4 – Major Plat –

This plat consists of approximately 11.5 acres which have been dedicated for a future park. The dedicated land includes some wetlands.

Pioneer Meadows Apartments – 222 E. Ninth Avenue – Conditional Use Permit –

This fee-in-lieu project will consist of 189 apartments and 17 buildings with a community center and associated parking. They are working towards creating a trail that would connect through the area from Pioneer Way to Division or vice versa.

Comprehensive Plan – Update

We are fast approaching the March 1, 2016, deadline for submittal of the 2016 Comprehensive Plan to the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO). The plan must be approved by City Council before we can submit it to RCO. Ms. Moholt-Phillips has been doing the majority of the work updating the plan, with other staff helping as needed. City Council approved for us to hold a public hearing on the updated plan on February 23, 2016. Brief discussion held.

Director’s Report

2016 Budget – Update –

Mr. Grigg gave a summary of the progress of the City Council’s approval of the 2016 budget. The process is moving along in phases. City Council has reviewed each department’s budget requests and the initial budget indicates that no full-time positions are going to be cut in 2016. The full-time positions that were previously cut will not be filled this year. Discussion held.

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Prescription for Play/Green Prescription – Update –

We have a hand full of programs being offered in our new spring brochure which will be eligible for the Prescription for Play/Green Prescription program. Each program that is eligible will have a Columbia Basin Community Partnership for Health logo next to it in the brochure. Participating medical providers will begin issuing “prescriptions” for children ages 2-5 years old who would benefit from physical exercise. Parents of these children will be given a voucher by their healthcare provider which they can bring to the Parks and Recreation Department and use towards one of the eligible programs. The Prescription for Play Committee will then reimburse the Parks and Recreation Department for the cost of the program. The committee consists of medical providers from Samaritan Healthcare, Confluence Health, and other independent medical facilities. Mr. Grigg is also a member of the committee. Brief discussion held.

Ice Rink/Hockey Tournaments – Update –

The Adult Hockey League held a small tournament with a beer garden last weekend. The event was a success and there were no issues. The League is donating all of the profits from the tournament to the city to go towards the cost of operating the ice rink. The Youth Hockey League will be holding a tournament this coming weekend.

Cascade Park Restroom –

At last night’s City Council meeting the Council approved replacing the restroom at Cascade Park which was set on fire by vandals. It will be replaced with a new pre-fabricated CXT restroom like we have at other locations. We hope to have the new bathroom installed within a few months’ time, if everything falls into place how we hope it will. We have to get a building permit and will be required to plat Cascade Park and replace the existing septic system with a connection to the city sewer system. Therefore, the sewer line will be extended from up above the fairgrounds down to Cascade Park. The sewer line will be oversized for what is actually needed for Cascade Park because it will eventually be used for Cascade Valley as areas of it are annexed into the city in the future.

Possible Joe Rogers Trail Tribute –

Last night Councilman Curnel suggested that we consider naming a trail after Joe Rogers. This is something that could not be done right away because the city will be revising the facility naming process. The city would have to get through with that process before City Council could commit to renaming a trail after Mr. Rogers. However, this is something we can definitely consider for the future as a way to memorialize Mr. Rogers’ involvement in the community and as a member of the Trails Planning Team. Ms. Rios reported that the Trails Planning Team has already been discussing this very issue. The future trail at Pioneer Meadows would be a nice trail, as well as many of our other trails. Mr. Maynard suggested we choose a trail that is used for running and cycling since those are the activities Mr. Rogers loved. We will address this matter again in the future.

Commission Questions/Comments

Ms. Rios asked when the ice rink will be closing for the season. Mr. Grigg reported that we may potentially close it the weekend of February 28th since revenue is dropping off drastically due to the weather getting nicer. We will try to keep it open as long as we can for the hockey associations. Brief discussion held.

Mr. Grigg answered questions from Commission members regarding the new plat at the end of Ivy Street, the railroad line and future trail, and the REC tax situation.

Adjournment

Ms. Rios moved to adjourn; seconded by Ms. Quilter. Meeting adjourned at 7:42 pm.