

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES

NOVEMBER 9, 2016

Members present: Charlene Rios, Charles Maynard, Connor Lange, Arin Swinger, Tiffany Quilter and Warren Tracey
 Members absent: None
 Staff present: Spencer Grigg and Kerri Smoot
 Guests present: None

2016 MEETING ATTENDANCE RECORD

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

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

Call Meeting to Order

The regular meeting was called to order by Chair Charlene Rios at 7:05 p.m.

Introduction of Guests/Visitors

Mr. Grigg introduced Warren Tracey, our newly appointed Commission member. Mr. Tracey shared some of his history and background. Discussion held regarding the vacant youth position we currently have open on the Commission.

Approval of Minutes of Prior Meeting

Ms. Quilter moved the draft minutes of September 14, 2016, be approved as submitted; seconded by Mr. Lange. Unanimously approved and passed.

Communication/Correspondence

None.

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

Mr. Grigg presented a chart which showed fee-in-lieu projects from 2010 to 2016 and the respective amount of each project. Significant discussion held.

Director’s Report

Ice Rink Opening – Update

The ice rink was supposed to open on November 4th but we have had to postpone the opening twice now due to the warm weather and wind. We hope to open it on November 18th. Mr. Grigg explained the ice building process and how much it would cost to rebuild the ice if inclement weather caused it to melt. All of the old dasher boards at the rink were renovated with brand new puckboard this year.

Mr. Maynard asked about the possibility of enclosing the ice rink in the future. Mr. Grigg explained the costs and potential benefits of enclosing the South and West sides of the rink, which would eliminate the wind melting the ice and blowing dirt from the BMX track onto the ice. We cannot afford to enclose the entire rink because we would have to install an entirely new sub-floor heating system.

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Mr. Lange asked if Tacos Mi Casa is going to run concessions at the Larson Recreation Center (LRC) this winter. Mr. Grigg explained that there would have to be some significant modifications to the building in order to heat only the concession area and not the rest of the unused building, and we don't have the budget to do it this year. We are looking at the possibility of Tacos Mi Casa using our concession wagon, but the Health District may require that we have restrooms with cold and hot running water. All we have right now is a chemical toilet. Tacos Mi Casa has suggested they operate concessions at the Surf 'n Slide Water Park.

Mr. Grigg shared some of the long-term LRC renovations we hope to do in phases. The deck on the back of the building is rotting and has been condemned. Whoever built it did not build it to code. It currently serves as the roof to the skate shack and it leaks. We plan to tear it down this spring and move the skate sharpening room into the old party room in the LRC building once it is modified. Beyond that, we have not really decided anything. We are considering many options, such as eliminating some or all of the batting cages due to their age. We could level at least part of the floor to create a half-gym, depending on what we decide to do with the batting cages and what we can do with the weight-bearing column in the middle of the floor. Staff came up with many creative ideas so we have a lot of options to consider.

YAF (Youth Athletic Facility) Grant – Update

We ranked number five out of 18 approved applicants in the Youth Athletic Facility RCO grant competition, which means we are guaranteed funding of \$250,000 (50% of the cost to replace the lighting at Larson Ballfield) provided the Legislature votes to fund the grant again. We have enough in the fee-in-lieu fund and hotel/motel tax fund for our part of the 50% match of the project costs.

Budget – Update

Mr. Grigg passed out a fee chart showing the various fees our department charges and any proposed rate increases for 2017. The biggest change will be the structure of the Surf 'n Slide Water Park fees. Rather than selling family season passes, we will be simplifying it to individual season passes only, one price for adults and one price for youth/seniors. This will ensure that the process is simple enough for patrons to be able to purchase their season passes online once our new registration software is implemented.

Commission Questions/Comments

Mr. Maynard expressed his concerns and questions regarding various issues: the flooded road at the entrance to the country club; the cleaning schedule of the porta potty at Blue Heron Park; the litter people are leaving on the Neppel Landing trail; and the gum on the sidewalks downtown. Mr. Grigg addressed each issue and explained that the flooded road and downtown sidewalks are not regulated by the Parks and Recreation Department. Brief discussion held regarding the winterization schedule of the Blue Heron park restrooms.

Ms. Quilter asked how the "Green Prescription/Prescription for Play" program is coming. Mr. Grigg explained that we haven't had any customers redeem a voucher yet, but in other communities it has taken a few years for the program to kick in. In addition, not all of the medical community knows about it yet.

Ms. Swinger was recently in Hood River, Oregon, and saw a community writing board that she would like to implement in our community. The writing board is titled *Before I Die* and has lines where people can write what they would like to do before they die. Mr. Grigg explained the funding and insurance issues the City would have with a project like this. Significant discussion held regarding the sign and other ways this project could be implemented. Ms. Quilter recommended that if we do come up with a way to implement this project in the future, we make the slogan something more positive.

Adjournment

Mr. Maynard moved to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Lange. Meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.