

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES

FEBRUARY 13, 2013

Members present: Larry Dennis, Bette Lang, Brian Dano, Charles Maynard, David Enquist, Tiffany Quilter and Jonathon Brooks
 Members absent: Kim Ries-Ashley and Char Rios
 Staff present: Spencer Grigg, Lori Moholt-Phillips and Kerri Fenner
 Guests present: None

2013 MEETING ATTENDANCE RECORD

Name	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Dano, B	X	R	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Brooks, J	O	X										
Dennis, L	X	X										
Quilter, T	E	X										
Lang, B	X	X										
Maynard, C	X	X										
Ries-Ashley	X	E										
Rios, C	E	E										
Enquist, D	X	X										

C=Meeting Canceled 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

Mr. Dennis addressed the Moses Lake High School Seniors present and explained the Commission.

Approval of Minutes of Prior Meeting

Mr. Maynard moved the draft minutes of January 9, 2013 be approved as submitted. Seconded by Ms. Lang. Unanimously approved and passed.

Communication/Correspondence

Swim Team Request –

The Manta Ray Swim Team is requesting to use the pool for their practices and swim meet as they have in previous years. However, they have made only one payment on the balance owing from last year. We will continue to monitor and pursue payment for last year’s swim meet. If the swim meet is approved for this year, the meet will be held July 19-21, 2013. The pool will close to the public early on Friday, July 19, and re-open on Monday, July 22. Brief discussion held. Mr. Brooks moved to recommend to City Council that the Manta Ray’s request be approved, provided that last year’s outstanding bill is resolved. Seconded by Ms. Lang and unanimously approved.

BMX Request –

The Moses Lake BMX Organization is requesting approval to use the BMX track for the 2013 race season and to be allowed to dry camp in the grass area next to the track for the big June 14-16 race. Discussion held regarding races, fees and maintenance. This year Rob and Cindy Dahlgren will be taking over the BMX organization. Ms. Lang moved to recommend to City Council that BMX’s request for camping and use of the track be approved. Seconded by Mr. Enquist and unanimously approved. Mr. Brooks expressed concern that BMX not use the RC track for warm-ups, as the material the track is made of will not sustain it. Mr. Grigg will relay this information to BMX.

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

None. Mr. Dennis explained the plat process to the students present.

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Director's Report

Council/Staff Retreat –

The City Council/Staff Retreat will be at Big Bend Community College on March 1 and 2. We don't have any huge items on the agenda. There will be a review of our facility use agreements. The downtown street trees will also be addressed, as a few of the Council members were concerned at the cost to replace the trees. Significant discussion held regarding the trees downtown and the tree replacement project and costs. There were a lot of people upset after the newspaper article, but the article was very misleading. Different options discussed. Mr. Grigg will let the Commission members know what happens at the Staff Retreat regarding this matter.

Dog Park –

Ms. Carly Griffith Hotvedt will be presenting her proposal for a dog park to the City Council. She understands the City does not have the funds in the budget to install a dog park right now, but she would like the Council to consider it for the future.

2013 Proposed Capital Projects –

The first project for 2013 is the development of 5 acre park at Lower Peninsula. Applying for wetland delineation is the next step in this project. The second project is an additional restroom to replace the waterfront restroom at Blue Heron Park. Brief discussion held. Also, the Walleye Club was successful in funding the new pier.

Flow Rider Padding Replacement –

We are working with the company that sold us the Flow Rider to replace the ride surface and padding around it. The company is short-staffed and is not sure if they are going to be able to get the padding installed before we open this year. They may have to subcontract the work in order for it to be done prior to opening. If it can't be done, we won't be able to replace it until the fall. Mr. Grigg answered questions from one of the students regarding the padding replacement.

Ms. Moholt-Phillips' Report

The Spring Brochure is now online. It will be out in print on February 20th.

The Museum and Art Center have been scheduling a lot of classes in their new space.

There is going to be an AAU tournament March 8-10. This is the third one and will be the last one this year. It is bringing in dozens of teams from all around the area.

Ms. Moholt-Phillips did a Public Service Announcement regarding the necessary fee increases at the waterpark. So far there has been no negative feedback.

Commission Questions/Comments

Mr. Maynard asked about Mr. Gonzales' findings regarding people driving on the grass at Neppel landing. Brief discussion held. Mr. Grigg reported that this problem is common throughout the City's parks and grounds. Discussion regarding cameras installed around the City and various graffiti/property damage instances and prosecution outcomes.

Mr. Maynard asked about proceeds from the Civic Center Auditorium rentals. Brief discussion held.

Mr. Grigg gave a summary of the zip code survey regarding the 2012 waterpark attendance.

Adjournment

Ms. Lang moved to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Brooks. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.