

**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES**

**MAY 8, 2013**

Members present: Larry Dennis, Bette Lang, Charles Maynard, Tiffany Quilter and Char Rios  
 Members absent: Kim Ries-Ashley, David Enquist and Jonathon Brooks  
 Staff present: Spencer Grigg and Kerri Smoot  
 Guests present: High School Students

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	C	C	E							
Dennis, L	X	X	C	C	X							
Quilter, T	E	X	C	C	X							
Lang, B	X	X	C	C	X							
Maynard, C	X	X	C	C	X							
Ries-Ashley	X	E	C	C	E							
Rios, C	E	E	C	C	X							
Enquist, D	X	X	C	C	E							

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 7:02 p.m.

Introduction of Guests/Visitors

Mr. Dennis welcomed the high school students in attendance and gave a brief overview of the agenda items.

Approval of Minutes of Prior Meeting

Ms. Lang moved the draft minutes of February 13, 2013 be approved as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Maynard. Unanimously approved and passed.

Communication/Correspondence

None.

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

*Crossroads Phase 5 Major Plat –Final –*

Mr. Grigg gave a summary of the Crossroads Phase 5 Major Plat. This plat will put money in the Fee in Lieu fund, which we will be using this year. We are working our way through the process on the Lower Peninsula boat launch project and should start hearing back from the various agencies involved soon. Some of the Fee in Lieu fund money is slated to assist in the costs involved in this project and the Phase I development of a new neighborhood park there, hopefully this fall. The park should be similar to Yonezawa Park and Dano Park, with underground sprinklers and a few shrubs and trees. Discussion held.

Director’s Report

*Deane Family Park Element Project –*

Councilman Dick Deane and his family have donated funds to go towards developing a new park or enhancing an existing park. Their desire is to recognize some of the history of our area and some of the families that have been instrumental in making Moses Lake what it is. The concept is to not only be able to look past at the history of Moses Lake and its residents, but to also continue to add historical content. Mr. Deane and his family would like to provide people with an opportunity to invest in a historical plaque or monument that would tell a condensed story of their family’s history in Moses Lake. The idea being considered is development of a historical trail to be

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located in the park next to the entrance to the Japanese Gardens. Don Garrett from the Parks and Recreation Department showed a 3-D computer presentation of the proposed project. It will consist of a loop trail that visitors can walk on and view various informational signs which highlight the history of Moses Lake and some of its residents. Commissioners agreed that it would be nice to have the look of the trail and park structures be consistent with the theme of the Japanese Gardens. Significant discussion held regarding the project and various ideas about the layout of the trail and the historical signs and information that will be displayed. Mr. Grigg will keep the Commission informed on the progress of the project.

### *Surf 'n Slide Water Park Resurfacing, Flowrider Padding and Pump Rebuild –*

The resurfacing of the pool has now been completed and the pool will start being filled with water at the end of this week. Mr. Grigg explained the components of the resurfacing material and the complex application process. Our maintenance crew did a great job applying it. This same material has been used by the City of Quincy and a number of other communities with very positive reports. It is very durable and the manufacturer has assured us that at a minimum we should get a good ten years out of it before having to touch it up. It should alleviate the previous problems we have had with cloudy water from the old paint oxidizing over the winter months, as well as the previous problems we have had with minor leaks in the pool.

The new flowrider padding is being applied right now. The original padding consisted of tongue-and-groove planks of foam rubber. Due to the intense summer heat and UV radiation we get here, the foam rubber planks only lasted for about a year before they started to crack and fall apart. The new padding is glued on and then a hard surface very much like the material used in the pool resurfacing project is glued over the padding. This material protects the padding from the heat and UV radiation.

The pumps at the pool were recently inspected and one of them failed due to a bad bearing. The pump had to be removed with a crane and shipped off so it could be rebuilt. It was very costly but was thankfully still under warranty so the manufacturer covered half of the cost.

### *FREE Summer Concerts & Movie Series –*

Mr. Grigg handed out a poster showing the calendar of events for this year's Free Summer Concert & Movie Series and a poster of Grant County Tourism Commission's Solar Powered Vacations which shows the schedule for their summer festival, events and concerts. Mr. Grigg gave a rundown of this year's upcoming community events. The schedule of events is also listed on the City's website.

### Commission Questions/Comments

Mr. Maynard asked when the water will be turned on at the water fountains downtown. Mr. Grigg said that the maintenance department should have a schedule out soon, but the fountains will probably be turned on in the next few weeks as weather permits. Mr. Grigg reminded the Commission members that the Alder Street Fill fountain is not owned by the City, but by the irrigation district.

Ms. Lang commented on all of the various sports going on right now. Brief discussion held.

Mr. Grigg reported that Ms. Ries-Ashley has approached the City Council regarding installation of a possible future ballpark for the Rotary Park. Mr. Grigg will keep the Commission posted on developments.

### Adjournment

Ms. Rios moved to adjourn. Seconded by Ms. Lang. Meeting adjourned at 7:57 pm.