

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES

JUNE 12, 2013

Members present: Larry Dennis, Bette Lang, Charles Maynard, Tiffany Quilter and David Enquist
 Members absent: Char Rios
 Staff present: Spencer Grigg, Lori Moholt-Phillips and Kerri Smoot
 Guests present: Rick Serra with Friends of the Moses Lake Dog Park

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

C=Meeting Canceled X=Present O=Absent E=Excused R=Resigned or Not Reappointed

Call Meeting to Order

The regular meeting was called to order by Chair Larry Dennis at 7:03p.m.

Introduction of Guests/Visitors

Rick Serra and a few other people present for Friends of the Moses Lake Dog Park.

Approval of Minutes of Prior Meeting

Ms. Quilter moved the draft minutes of May 8, 2013 be approved as submitted. Seconded by Ms. Lang. Unanimously approved and passed.

Communication/Correspondence

Dog Park – Rick Serra –

Rick Serra presented a proposal for the establishment of a dog park in Moses Lake. He showed a PowerPoint presentation which included information regarding the Mission Statement of Friends of the Moses Lake Dog Park, the rules and requirements for dogs and pet owners, and the plan, timeline, layout and desired location of the park. Mr. Serra requested that the Commission recommend to City Council that they approve the establishment of a dog park at the Vista Park 2 parcel of land the City of Moses Lake owns on Central Drive. They would also like the City to approve the issuance of a waiver to allow off-leash dogs. He said that he has obtained over 2600 signatures on a petition from people who support the establishment of a dog park in Moses Lake. Mr. Serra answered questions from the Commission members. Significant discussion held. Ms. Lang made motion to recommend that City Council approve the dog park as proposed, with the stipulation that if the Vista Park 2 location is not acceptable to the City, that the City work with the Parks and Recreation Department and Friends of the Moses Lake Dog Park to find an acceptable alternate location within the City. Mr. Maynard seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

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

None.

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Director's Report

Surf 'n Slide Water Park –

The repairs to the flowrider padding and the re-surfacing of the pool have now been completed. These repairs should alleviate the previous problems we have had with the padding breaking down every year and with some of the small leaks in the pool.

Lower Peninsula Park Project –

We are still running into issues with the project, but will hopefully be able to start the bidding process soon.

New Fishing Dock at Blue Heron Park –

The new dock has been installed. We will have to address issues as they arise, such as kids wanting to swim off the dock. Signage is in production and should help.

Parks and Recreation Commission –

The City Council decided last night to return the Parks and Recreation Commission to the original number of 7 members instead of 9 members. Mr. Dano previously resigned his position and it has not been filled yet. Mr. Brooks resigned his position and Mayor Ecret eliminated Ms. Ries-Ashley's position. There is currently one vacancy on the Commission.

Ms. Moholt-Phillips' Report

July is National Parks and Recreation Month –

We put a form on the front of our summer brochure which people can fill out and submit to us about what they like about our department and what we do. They can also submit a photo of themselves taken in our facilities or parks. We will select one winner who will have their submission printed on the cover of our next brochure.

This Year's Programs and Events –

Ms. Moholt-Phillips gave a brief summary of this year's programs and events, including the BMX races, the Fun Run, the Chevys and Schwinn's Sharing the Road Event, the Museum's Rie Palkovic presentation, and the Free Summer Concert Series and Movies in the Park.

Commission Questions/Comments

Ms. Lang ran into Councilman Deane and thanked him for the money he donated to install a new historical park element in the park outside of the Japanese Gardens.

Mr. Maynard requested that we have some sort of inspection of kids' bikes prior to the start of the Chevys and Schwinn's event. Ms. Moholt-Phillips reported that we instruct parents to help their kids and accompany them during the ride, but there are always children riding by themselves who end up needing assistance. Mr. Maynard complimented Ms. Moholt-Phillips on the event and thanked her for her assistance.

Mr. Maynard reported that the adult water fountain at Sinkiuse Square is still not functioning properly and needs to be cleaned. Mr. Grigg will pass the information on to the Maintenance Department.

Adjournment

Ms. Lang moved to adjourn. Seconded by Ms. Quilter. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.