

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES

NOVEMBER 13, 2013

Members present: Larry Dennis, Bette Lang, Charles Maynard, Tiffany Quilter, David Enquist, Char Rios and Connor Lange
 Members absent: None
 Staff present: Spencer Grigg, Lori Moholt-Phillips and Kerri Smoot
 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	C	C	E	R	---	---	---	---	---	---
Dennis, L	X	X	C	C	X	X	C	X	C	C	X	
Quilter, T	E	X	C	C	X	X	C	X	C	C	X	
Lang, B	X	X	C	C	X	X	C	X	C	C	X	
Maynard, C	X	X	C	C	X	X	C	X	C	C	X	
Ries-Ashley	X	E	C	C	E	R	---	---	---	---	---	---
Rios, C	E	E	C	C	X	E	C	X	C	C	X	
Enquist, D	X	X	C	C	E	X	C	E	C	C	X	
Lange, C	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	C	C	X	

C=Meeting Cancelled 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 7:01 p.m.

Introduction of New Commissioner – Connor Lange

Introduction of Guests/Visitors

None.

Approval of Minutes of Prior Meeting

Ms. Rios moved the draft minutes of August 14, 2013 be approved as submitted. Seconded by Ms. Quilter. Unanimously approved and passed.

Communication/Correspondence

Commission Letter to Council –

All Commission members have now signed the Commission’s recommendation letter to the Mayor and City Council regarding the budget. The letter will be given to the Mayor and City Council members tomorrow.

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

Pelican Way 1 Major Plat – Final –

Brief discussion held regarding the Pelican Way 1 Major Plat.

Director’s Report

Budget Update –

The budget process is still progressing. The Parks and Recreation Department managed to cut about 8 percent from the 2014 budget. The City Council has already had the first reading of the budget. Significant discussion held regarding the budget and various projects.

The Ice Rink opened on November 8 and the annual Holiday Show is Friday, November 22, at the Museum and Art Center.

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Ms. Moholt-Phillips' Report

Freya Liggett at the Museum and Art Center is looking for volunteers for the Holiday Show.

The Summer Concert and Movie Series went very well this year. We will be able to have the Series again in 2014.

Now that the Ice Rink is open, we have ice skating lessons and hockey again.

The Moses Lake Turkey Trot will be held this weekend, November 16, at Blue Heron Park. All of the proceeds will go to the Columbia Basin Cancer Foundation.

We received a grant from M.A.P. 21 to go towards the Blue Heron Bluff Trail.

The software we currently use for reservations will be obsolete soon, so we are looking at different options for new software. All of the new software being considered is an improvement over the current software.

Commission Questions/Comments

Mr. Maynard asked about the current REC issues. Brief discussion held.

Mr. Maynard asked what impact the tree removal resulting from the wind storm had on the Parks and Recreation Department. He also asked about the responsibility for the cleanup of the trees that fell into the lake. Mr. Grigg will check with the maintenance department. We will be replacing the trees that were downed due to the storm. Home Depot donated a number of trees and shrubs that they had left at the end of this year.

Mr. Enquist asked what would happen if we ever had to close a park due to budget constraints, and if the revenue from our programs covers all necessary expenses. Brief discussion held.

Adjournment

Ms. Rios moved to adjourn. Seconded by Ms. Lang. Meeting adjourned at 7:45p.m.