

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES

JANUARY 8, 2014

Members present: Larry Dennis, Bette Lang, Charles Maynard, David Enquist, Tiffany Quilter and Connor Lange
 Members absent: Char Rios
 Staff present: Spencer Grigg, Lori Moholt-Phillips and Kerri Smoot
 Guests present: None

2014 MEETING ATTENDANCE RECORD

Name	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Dennis, L	X											
Quilter, T	X											
Lang, B	X											
Maynard, C	X											
Rios, C	E											
Enquist, D	X											
Lange, C	X											

C=Meeting Cancelled 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

None.

Approval of Minutes of Prior Meeting

Ms. Lang moved the draft minutes of November 13, 2013 be approved as submitted, seconded by Ms. Quilter. Unanimously approved and passed.

Communication/Correspondence

None.

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

Barrington Point Park Project –

Mr. Grigg gave a brief history of the project. The owner of the lot, which is located about 1/3 of a mile from Dano Park near Crestview Drive, will be starting Phase 5 development this year. It will be a mini-park, less than one acre in size. Once the lot is fully developed he will dedicate it to the City and we will maintain it.

Director’s Report

2013 General Budget Recap – Surf ‘n Slide Water Park –

Mr. Grigg handed out a net gain/loss comparison for 2012 and 2013. Surf ‘n Slide had a net loss of \$186,559.70 in 2013 due in part to extensive maintenance and repair expenses such as the re-painting of the pool, replacement of the Flow Rider padding and multiple leak repairs, all of which were expected. We also had other costly expenses that were not expected. Surf ‘n Slide is 20 years old this year and we are experiencing the costs associated with maintaining a facility of that age. Other contributing factors were lower than normal patronage possibly due to the poor weather and the shut-down of the pool for a few days as a result of the failing primary circulation pumps. The School District also discontinued their school fun days this year which added to the loss of revenue. We have contacted the manufacturers of the re-surfacing paint and they have assured us they will fix the discoloration problem. In 2014 we will have the added expenses from the minimum wage increase. The water heaters will need repairs in the near future but will hopefully hold out for another few years.

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Cascade Park – Proposed Swim Area –

Mr. Grigg showed an aerial map of Cascade Park and went over the proposed potential site for a swimming area. Discussion held. Mr. Dennis recommended the Commission approve the proposed swimming area at Cascade Park. Seconded by Ms. Lang and unanimously approved.

W. Broadway Entry Artwork –

Mr. Grigg showed photos of the first panel that has been mounted on the fence by the Dept. of Labor & Industries at the entrance to West Broadway from I-90. He also showed a diagram of what the entire completed project will look like. This is a Vision 2020 project. Mr. Grigg gave a brief history of the project and explained that the final design and location is the one approved by the Department of Transportation.

Lower Peninsula Park Project –

This project is scheduled to go to City Council at the end of this month for authorization to go to bid. It should then go to bid sometime next month and is expected to be completed in March or April of this year.

Manta Ray Swim Fees –

The Swim Team is in arrears to the City again this year for their 2013 fees. The City's Finance Department is considering making the Swim Team pay 50% of their fees based on the last few years to reserve the pool for their event, with the remaining balance due in full prior to the event being held.

Ms. Moholt-Phillips' Report

Thank you to Mr. and Mrs. Maynard for helping out with the Holiday Show. The Museum and Art Center will have some great programs and projects coming up this year, including the Family Saturday's. They just held a Muppet Show in the auditorium, they have a show opening tomorrow from 1-5 pm by the Moses Lake Women's Club to celebrate their 100th year, and on Friday there is another opening of Russ Rummel's Subscapes.

The Ice Rink is up and running smoothly with ice skating lessons. The Parent Tot Play Group which is held in The Learning Center is very popular, as is SoccerTots, HoopsterTots and TennisTots. These programs are utilizing The Learning Center during the day, which is something we haven't had in the past. Most of our traditional children's sports programs such as Mat Muscle, Little Hoopsters, Little Dribblers and Cheer Camp are also back.

Commission Questions/Comments

Mr. Maynard commented about the spacing of the new trees at Blue Heron Park.

Adjournment

Ms. Quilter moved to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Lang. Meeting adjourned at 8:19 pm.