



**PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**  
**Monday, February 12, 2018, 4:00 PM**  
**Lacamas Lodge, 227 NE Lake Road**

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**Special Meeting**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Staff: Jerry Acheson, Krista Bashaw and Susan Newlove

City Council Liaison: Deanna Rusch

Meeting Facilitator: Ryan Mottau

Present: Eunice Abrahamsen, David Gast, Chair Randy Curtis, Steve Lorenz,  
Cassi Marshall, Dareena Stepanyuk and Katy Daane

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**III. MEETING ITEMS**

**A. Welcome and Overview**

The meeting Facilitator, Ryan Mottau, went around the table and had everyone introduce themselves and state what their favorite park was growing up. He then reviewed the retreat objectives and did an overview of the agenda.

**B. Let's Build a Pool - An Exercise in Problem Solving**

Camas Parks Commission Chair, Randy Curtis, submitted a handout to the group called "Let's Build a Pool - An Exercise in Problem Solving". The goal of this exercise is to write down thoughts on developing a "Plan or Process" that will take the city from the decision of closing the pool to the point of identifying a funding strategy and a conceptual plan that best meets the needs of the community. Curtis stated that this exercise is similar to the Myers-Briggs test.

Everyone reviewed steps 1 to 4 of the exercise; problem identification, analysis, plan development and completion. Curtis then went around the table requesting brainstorming ideas, which were displayed on the projector screen. Topics and ideas included; needs, challenges, funding, location, partnerships, community support, timeline, age groups, process and types of pools. Discussion ensued on the Buhman property as a possible location. Mottau stated that there are a lot of variables that come into play in the process of building a pool, the most important ones being funding and location.

C. Staff Presentations and Discussion

Recreation Facilities Coordinator, Susan Newlove, did a presentation on the City of Camas Recreation Facility Rentals. She did a summary of the types of events, reservation numbers, financials, observations and suggestions for Fallen Leaf Lake Park Shelter, Camas Community Center and Lacamas Lake Lodge and Conference Center for 2017. Newlove stated that all three Recreation Facility Rentals continue to be very popular venues in this growing community.

Recreation Coordinator, Krista Bashaw, did a presentation on the City of Camas Special Events for 2017. She reviewed a variety of events; Easter Day Egg Hunt, Camtown Youth Festival, Dedication Ceremonies, Concerts in the Park, Movies in the Park, Family Fun Fridays, Camas Days Kids Parade, Family Halloween Night and Hometown Holidays. Bashaw reviewed facts about Special Events, financial sponsors, donors and concluded her presentation with a data chart from 2015 - 2017.

Jerry Acheson did a presentation in Tammy Connolly's absence on Recreation Programs for 2017. This included Youth & Adult Sports, Youth Enrichment, Teen Safety and Adult Fitness. He reviewed the number of classes, participants and financial details for each quarter in 2017. He concluded the presentation with an overview of the 2018 Recreation classes being offered.

D. 2017 in Review

Camas Community Center Status - Jerry Acheson distributed a report on the Camas Community Center created by Berger ABAM. He requested that each member review the report and it will be a topic of discussion at the February Parks Commission meeting.

2017 Action Plan Review - Mottau reviewed a list of the Parks Commission Activities for 2017. Several of the items on the list were accomplished in 2017; Ivy League Project is underway, Pitts Property land use completed, Workplan for GRPA in process, Design review for Pedestrian Bridge completed, Ben Miller's Eagle Scout Project completed, Tobacco policy in process, Cemetery Data system implemented, Crown Park Master Plan completed and in process, Playground equipment at Louis Block Park has been installed, the information board at the Camas Cemetery has been purchased and installed, North Shore Conservation plan and property acquisition is completed, the Cooper's View Park Dedication was held in the Spring of 2017, Signage was installed and parking spaces enhanced at Heritage Park Boat dock and the Washougal River Greenway parking lot now has dust control.

Cassi Marshall stated that she will have more information about the Lewis and Clark Greenway project after the meeting on February 22nd. Discussion ensued on the topic of a Volunteer Coordinator.

E. Looking Forward: 2018

Mottau stated that the group will continue with the Parks Advocate Program in 2018. Everyone agreed that the annual Parks retreat is beneficial to the group and Curtis recommended having it after the City's annual Planning Conference each year.

The group would like to continue to implement the Ivy League program and expand on it in 2018. Applying for grants would be beneficial to this program. Marshall stated that Krista Bashaw is a great resource for applying for grants and Tammy Connolly is a good resource for social media publicity through the Parks and Recreation Facebook page. Discussion ensued on volunteers and levels of service.

Other items for 2018 include the Camas Community Center, the PRGA Committee, Adopt-a-Park options, impact fees, skate park upgrades and setting up a process to fund and build a new Community Center and/or Aquatic Facility.

F. Other Business

Wreaths Across America - Eunice Abrahamsen stated that she attended the Wreaths Across America event in December 2017. She would like to see more participation from the Parks Board members at this event in the coming years. The event takes place in December every year.

Park Assignments - Cassi - Benton Park, Fallen Leaf Lake Park; Darina - Goot Park, Skate Park, Washougal River Greenway; David - Louis Bloch Park, Oak Park; Deanna - Forest Home Park; Eunice - Grass Valley Park, Klickitat Park; Katy - Cooper's View Park, Dorothy Fox Park; Steve - Crown Park, Prune Hill Sports Park.

G. Conclusion and Next Steps

Mottau stated that in 2018, the biggest challenge will be developing a process for building and funding a new Community Center or Aquatic Facility. Lorenz suggested that the Board dedicate 30 minutes of each monthly Parks Commission meeting to this project. The members agreed.

**IV. PROJECT UPDATES**

**V. OTHER ITEMS**

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

**If you will not be able to attend, please contact Susan Newlove at 834- 5307. Thank you.**