



PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, March 23, 2016, 5:00 PM

Lacamas Lodge, 227 NE Lake Road

I. CALL TO ORDER

Staff: Jerry Acheson and Susan Newlove

Council Liaison: Tim Hazen

Present: Vice Chair Steve Lorenz, Eunice Abrahamsen, David Gast, Cassi Marshall, Chair
Randy Curtis and Juli Bradley

Excused: Sean Vergillo

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Lorenz, seconded by Gast, and carried to approve the minutes of the February 24th meeting with the addition of Melissa Smith in the attendance section.

This was approved.

- A. Approval of the minutes of the February 24, 2016 meeting

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III. MEETING ITEMS

- A. Friends Survey

Randy Curtis stated that the board members all received an email containing the by-laws of the Friends of the Camas Community Center. Gast stated that the potential partnerships and benefits outweigh the negatives with this opportunity. Curtis stated that the by-laws state that their primary mission focuses on the Camas Community Center but they have the ability to expand their focus in the by-laws and are a 501-C3 so therefore Curtis doesn't see conflict between the Parks Commission and the Friends.

Curtis mentioned that the membership of the Friends of the Camas Community Center has dropped and he's unsure of their ability to fundraise money. Marshall stated that the group needs to build membership but she feels that the current members are energized and very dedicated. In response to Curtis, Acheson stated that this topic initially came up from staff when funding was needed for additional programs and to acquire more members by broadening the mission of the group. Abrahamsen stated that it's difficult to find members that can commit to groups. Gast stated that by expanding their focus, recruiting new members to the group should be much easier. Marshall stated that Vergillo's group would be a natural fit to this new focus. Acheson suggested having a liaison from several groups on the board.

B. Parks Advocacy Updates

Abrahamsen stated that she went to the skate park and Louis Bloch park to make observations. She reported an issue that a tree had fallen on the fence at Louis Bloch park and the issue was taken care of immediately by city Parks Maintenance staff. Marshall stated that she noticed a tree had fallen on Washougal River Greenway Trail and inquired about reporting issues. Acheson suggested reporting issues on the CRM via the City app so that park requests will automatically be directed to Jim Gant. Gast stated that the benches at Oak Park are covered in moss and suggested that it would make a good Eagle Scout Project. Gast and Curtis stated that feedback from Denis Ryan would be very helpful on the guidelines of reporting issues. Hazen recommended having the scouts restore picnic tables that are stored at the cemetery. Acheson stated that each Parks Board member needs to be tracking their time at the parks and report it to Krista Bashaw.

IV. PROJECT UPDATES

Dog Park - Washougal dog park will close on November 1st. The city is working with Dog Paw on a new Dog Park in Camas. In response to Marshall, Acheson stated that they are looking into a different site located near Prune Hill Sports Park. The site is about 10 acres.

Fallen Leaf Lake Park Comments from Open House - Gast stated that the overall majority was to leave the location more natural without disturbing wildlife. He added that it's important to find a balance between making the site more accessible without disturbing the wildlife. Curtis agreed that several people want to leave the location as is. Acheson mentioned that several people agreed with the "no fishing" rule. Gast mentioned that they implemented the rules about boating and fishing for safety reasons. In response to a question regarding relocation of the entrance, Acheson stated that the project is dependent upon grants and funding.

North Annexation at Lacamas Lake - Acheson stated that the process will begin soon and the city will be working in partnership with Columbia Landtrust on a study of the area.

Trail map app - Acheson stated that the students met with Sherry Coulter to discuss this project.

V. OTHER ITEMS

Randy Curtis article - Abrahamsen stated that Randy Curtis had an article written about him stating that he's a "hero". Marshall stated that Curtis' work with Washougal School District was invaluable. Curtis stated that Marshall introduced him to Dawn Tarzian and thus gave him the opportunity to pursue this work.

Parkland Development - Hazen stated that this is a significant development near Camas Meadows and the developer has been very conscientious about trail development throughout the project. Curtis stated that the subcommittee should be involved with development. Acheson stated that he spoke with the developer out of concern of trail development. The board feels that getting involved early in the process seems like the best idea.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, April

27th at 5 pm in Lacamas Lodge.

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