



## **PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

**Wednesday, August 26, 2015, 5:00 PM**

**Lacamas Lodge, 227 NE Lake Road**

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### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

Randy Curtis called the meeting to order at 5 pm.

City Council Members present: Tim Hazen and Mayor Scott Higgins

Staff: Pete Capell and Susan Newlove

Public: Virginia Warren

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

Excused: David Gast

### **II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Approval of the Minutes from the May 27, 2015 Parks Commission Meeting

 [Parks Commission Minutes of May 27, 2015](#)

A motion was made by Lorenz, seconded by Marshall, and carried to approve the minutes as written.

**This Minutes was approved.**

### **III. MEETING ITEMS**

#### **IV. PROJECT UPDATES**

Washougal River Greenway Trail - Capell stated that the bids for the overlook project came in over double of the estimate. The city is looking into new directions on the project to help reduce costs.

Fallen Leaf Lake Park Master Plan - Capell stated that consultants presented a proposal of the Master Plan at a City Council workshop and it entailed several different components; the Softball field, the park, the trail around the park and a new entrance into the park. R.C.O. awards grants for very similar projects so there would be very little expense for the city on these projects. Curtis stated that he's very impressed with the amount of grants that are awarded for parks maintenance in this area.

Dog Paw Park - The city is looking into developing a new dog park. The current dog park that's located in Washougal will not be open much longer. Capell stated that the Dog Paw organization pays for most of the expenses and some locations that have been looked into are underneath the powerlines at Goot Park and near the skate park. Both locations have flaws. Virginia Warren feels that the bowling alley would be a good location but Capell stated that the location has several permitting requirements. Lorenz stated that last time the dog park was presented to the Parks Commission, park maintenance was an issue and should be looked into.

Forest Home Park - A grant application was submitted by Camas Little League for improvements to Forest Home Park; field drainage, batters cage, etc.

Lacamas Lake property - The city acquired property north of Lacamas Lake and is looking into lease agreements so that the public can continue using the property that they've encroached upon. Curtis mentioned that the signage currently posted is unclear on trespassing rights in the area and needs clarification. He wants to know if a pedestrian goes past the signs and is confronted by a property owner, what are the legal rights of the property owner versus the public? Acheson stated that the fenced areas are leased by property owners from the City of Camas.

Ordinance Update - The ordinance updates will be presented to City Council in October or November of this year.

Community Development - Capell stated that Robert Maul mentioned that there aren't any current subdivisions or projects involving park developments at this time.

## **V. OTHER ITEMS**

Annual Report - Curtis stated that he'd like to start discussing the elements of the annual report in September or October. He added that the report should be presented to Council in January.

Camas Pool - Capell stated that the pool has been at maximum capacity several times this summer due to the hot weather. There have been several swim lessons and pool rentals throughout the season. The pool will remain open until Labor Day this year and a report will be presented to the Parks Commission in December. Annual reports on Fallen Leaf Park and Lacamas Lodge will be presented to the Commission too.

Magnet Students - Marshall has been working with two students on the Magnet Program on a trail map project. The seniors will present their project to the Parks Commission at the September meeting. They have put in 90 hours on the project.

Lacamas Creek/Round Lake Clean-Up - Marshall stated that the clean-up was organized by Clark County and was well-attended. Coffee and pastries were provided by Whole Foods.

LDS Church - Volunteers will be meeting with Capell to discuss trail maintenance work on Heritage trail. The volunteer project will be done on September 12th.

## **VI. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 5:50 pm. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 23rd at 5:00 pm in Lacamas Lodge.

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