




PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA
Wednesday, March 25, 2015, 5:00 PM
Lacamas Lodge, 227 NE Lake Road

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

III. MEETING ITEMS

- A. Louis Bloch Park Improvement Request

 Babe Ruth presentation

- B. Naming Committee Report and Recommendation

- C. Fallen Leaf Park Annual Review

IV. PROJECT UPDATES

V. OTHER ITEMS

VI. ADJOURNMENT

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



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I. CALL TO ORDER

Steve Lorenz called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

Staff: Jerry Acheson, Phil Bourquin, Pete Capell, Susan Newlove

Public: Earon Lineurd

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

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Bradley, seconded by Curtis, and carried to approve the minutes from the meeting of January 28, 2015.

III. MEETING ITEMS

A. Election of Officers

A motion was made by Lorenz, seconded by Marshall, and carried to nominate Randy Curtis as Chair of the Parks Commission in 2015.

A motion was made by Bradley, seconded by Marshall, and carried to accept Steve Lorenz as Vice Chair of the Parks Commission for 2015.

B. Louis Bloch Park Update

Jerry Acheson introduced Vice President of the Babe Ruth Baseball League, Dave Kuhlman. Kuhlman stated that they are in the process of having the lights replaced at Louis Bloch Park along with the scoreboard and new bleacher seats. The project began on February 21st and should last a few weeks. Contributors to this project include; City of Camas, Baseball Tomorrow, Clark P.U.D., Musco Lighting, D.R.S., 21st Century Construction, B.T.F., Babe Ruth National, Cal Portland and Wells Fargo.

Kuhlman thanked the City of Camas and stated that it was because of their financial support that these projects were made possible. In response to Lorenz, Kuhlman stated that the total cost for the project is \$225,000. Curtis thanked Kuhlman for all of his work and dedication on this project.

A motion was made by Gast, seconded by Lorenz, and carried to authorize the Babe Ruth League admission fees for the two tournaments in July of 2015.

C. Follow-up to Parks Commission Roles and Responsibilities

City Administrator, Pete Capell, stated that Council Member Tim Hazen carried the message to City Council about updating the ordinance for the Parks and Recreation Commission. Capell introduced Community Development Director, Phil Bourquin, who stated that City Council and management discussed the interest of the Parks Commission in being more involved with such projects as trail development. The city wants to continue the vision of the 20-year plan, which includes the Parks Comprehensive Plan.

Bourquin stated that he'd like to recruit three Parks Commissioners for an Ad Hoc Committee for development review. Juli Bradley, David Gast and Cassi Marshall volunteered to be on the Ad Hoc Committee while Randy Curtis and Steve Lorenz volunteered to be alternates on the Committee.

Capell stated that at the Annual Planning Conference, two items that were discussed were a new Community Center and combining community programs with Parks and Recreation and the Camas School District.

IV. PROJECT UPDATES

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Meeting Time/Day - Curtis stated that the current meeting time is a challenge for some of the members. Capell suggested changing the code to allow for more flexibility with meeting changes. The Parks Commission members decided to change the meeting time to 5:00 pm on every 4th Wednesday of the month.

Trail Development - Marshall suggested meeting with other local groups that are heavily involved with trail development like the Port of Camas/Washougal, Friends of the Gorge and the City of Washougal.

Camas Cemetery - Abrahamsen stated that she is still doing a lot of volunteer work at the cemetery along with other volunteers. She's been working on deadheading and cutting back the plants.

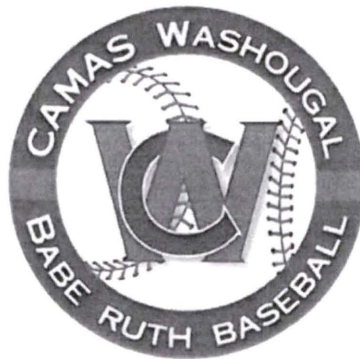
VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 pm. The next meeting will be held at 5:00 pm on Wednesday, March 25th, 2015.

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Thank you.**

Louis Bloch Park

Baseball Batting Cage
Repair & Relocate Proposal



Louis Bloch Batting Cage Problem:

- During the lighting replacement project we had to remove the old batting cage frame because it was interfering with a light pole installation.
- At this time, Louis Bloch Park does not have a functioning batting cage.
- Due to growth (11 teams in 2015), Teams have to share practice times at Louis Bloch. 2 teams practice at the same time. Not having a batting cage capability reduces our ability to facilitate “shared” practice times.
- The “OLD” batting cage location is less than satisfactory, it did not allow the net to extend to a proper distance.
- Reinstalling the frame in the old location is no longer an option due to the new light pole location.
- Mowing around frame was problematic.
- The “OLD” batting cage net was kept inside the equipment shed, reducing our ability to store valuable items out of the elements.
- Overhead wires interfered with practices & City vehicle access.

Location of “Old”
batting cage frame.

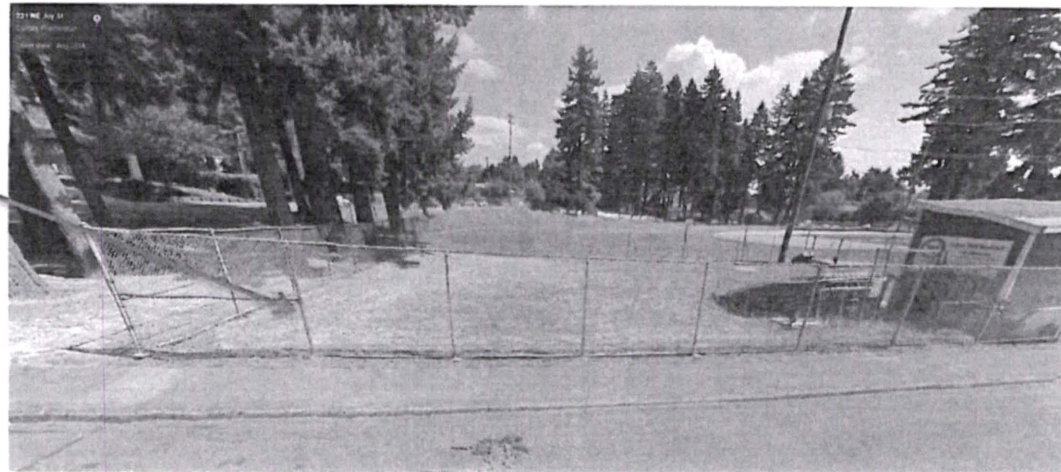
Over head wires to
equipment shed!



Proposed Solution:

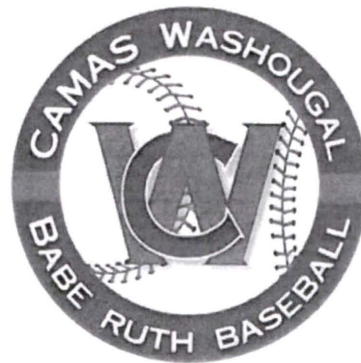
- Relocate Batting Cage Frame to the North side of the equipment shed.
 - CWBR would re-install the frame.
 - CWBR would paint the frame green to match the surroundings – or any other color approved by the city. (white is commonly used on all soccer goals & the frame is smaller than a soccer goal)
 - We would ask the City or a licensed contractor (at CWBR expense) to level the ground area north of the equipment shed. (There is a slight slope that currently makes this area less than ideal for practice space, despite it being used as such.)
 - CWBR would acquire a section of Turf or Rubber Matting or other City Approved materials so as to make MOWING not necessary in the immediate area around the Batting Cage and Frame.
 - Trees block the view from 3rd Ave, and netting would be retracted and stored on the end of the equipment shed. A very small portable cover may be desired to keep the sun and rain off of the stored net.

New batting cage
frame location



Benefits:

- Continued improvements at Louis Bloch Park enhance usability and opens up more usable space.
- New location greatly improves practice / warm up space with fewer hazards and even ground.
- New location removes the crossing overhead wires from high “traffic” areas – (during practices, warm ups and times when city vehicles access the park.)
- New location creates a more appropriate length batting cage for the age and ability of our players.
- New location allows CWBR to use equipment shed to store valuable equipment and not a net.
- New location enhances ability for teams to share practice times.
- New location reduces mowing requirements and time to mow.
- Further demonstrates CWBR’s commitment to our youth and improving Louis Bloch Park



Thank you for your consideration!