

Parks Advisory Board Meeting Minutes December 10, 2014

Present- Norma Hernandez, Grace Laman, Councilor Karen Mellin, Tammy Loughran, Brad Johnston, Kim Williams and Howard Rub

Absent- and Jay Flint

Guest- David McElroy, Drew Herzig, Jessica Schleiff and Michelle Bisek.

Staff- Terra Patterson, Pam Pearce, Spencer Johnston, Jonah Dart-McLean, and Janice O'Malley Galizio

Meeting was called to Order at 6:50am by chairperson Norma Hernandez.

Chair Person Section

1. Kim Williams motioned to approve the minutes, Grace Laman seconded the motion. October minutes were approved.
2. What do you hear- Karen Melin discussed positive feedback from the aquatic center her grandchildren gave after visiting. Grace Laman discussed positive changes in boys' basketball program this year, specifically with new referees.

Employee Recognition

1. Angela Cosby and Pam Pearce recognized Spencer Johnston, a lead guard from the aquatic center as the November employee of the month. Terra Patterson was recognized as the December employee of the month.

Old Business

- A. Tammy gave an update on the Parks foundation. The foundation will be assisting with the McLure park project.
- B. The Ford Family Foundation Teen Center Project was reviewed. The group will be holding their grand opening January 23. The parks department will be installing a basketball court and camera monitoring system and their labor counts toward the in-kind donations.
- C. The Silver Sneakers program has begun running at the aquatic center. Norma asked about promotion, Janice will be giving a presentation to the Senior Center next week. Drew discussed upcoming changes in health care providers that could affect the Silver Sneakers.

New Business

1. Angela discussed the Wayfinding project. She reviewed changes to the map in the packet and discussed notes from the ADHDA. She reviewed the plan will be going to upcoming council meeting on Monday and she would like to see Parks Boards' continued support.
2. Angela reviewed the results from the Dog Park public survey. She reviewed a map of Alderbrook discussing the new proposed location in this neighborhood. It would need more parking and also has the potential to add water and bathrooms down the road if the Friends group would like to fund raise for these things. Brad Johnston reviewed pros and cons for the location. Angela did point out that the location would be kept in native landscaping which would minimize the amount of maintenance needed. Kim asked about the next steps in the development. Angela discussed getting public feedback and taking the location to council for their approval. Grace asked about the trails through the area and where

would they be in proximity to the fenced area. Parks board is supportive of the proposed location.

3. Angela discussed the wireless communications tower moving from the Column area to Shively Park. She reviewed the proposed relocation and how this would affect vegetation and trees in the park. Brad Johnston discussed the tradeoffs of moving this tower from Astor Park to Shively Park. Questions raised from the board pertained to trees coming down that might affect the tower at Shively. Police Chief Johnston discussed the location and minimal possibility of trees coming down next to the proposed sight. Brad reviewed the look of the new tower and how visible it would be in the park. It will not be in a primary view sight and plans are being made to make it blend somewhat into the surrounding area. Karen Melin discussed the problems that arose in 2007 and the city lost communication for several days, moving the tower will help to keep this from happening again.
4. Jonah discussed the Herbicide/ Pesticide Task Force Plans. He discussed background and need for changes in the parks. He reviewed what the task force would do, the task force would have seven members, two from parks board. There would be four meeting and the task force would come up with a proposal in February. Angela asked the board to give ideas on task force members. Jessica Schleiff, Howard Rub, and Norma Hernandez will be on the task force. Howard discussed a few people from the school district that would have appropriate knowledge for the project.
5. An Ocean View Cemetery update was given by Angela. The department has received some negative feedback regarding the site. Concerns have been brought to city council and Angela will be bringing a presentation to the council. Angela reviewed some challenges the department has faced at the cemetery. The department is dealing with these issues and will keep the board informed as changes are made.
6. Angela reviewed the parks maintenance report.
7. Angela discussed grants and awards the department has recently applied for. Drew gave some suggestions on letters of support for the National Endowment for the arts grant.
8. Staff discussed upcoming events including Breakfast with Santa, an upcoming swim meet at the aquatic center, the Wellness Challenge at the ARC, the basketball court going in at the ARC and the Half Marathon coming up in May.
9. Norma asked for input from visitors to the parks board. Norma also inquired about the status of the McLure Park project. Angela told the board that this presentation will go to council once the new mayor and board members are in place in January.

Next meeting will be held Wednesday, January 28, 2015 at 6:45am