

Minutes of the North Bend Parks Commission Meeting of May 23, 2012
Minutes are draft until approved at the following Parks Commission Meeting.

Attendance:

- Parks Commissioners in attendance: Chris Moore, Phil Lacefield, Karen Wallace, Yvonne Dalke, Aubrey McMichael.
- Parks Commissioners absent: John Fredenburg and Eric Thompson (notified ahead).
- Staff in attendance: Mike McCarty, Senior Planner

The meeting was called to order at 6:00.

Welcome Aubrey McMichael

The Parks Commissioners welcomed and introduced themselves to new youth Parks Commissioner Aubrey McMichael. Thanks Aubrey for joining us and for your volunteer service!

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Phil Lacefield made a motion to approve the March 28 meeting minutes, seconded by Karen Wallace. The motion passed unanimously.

Grant Submittal for Torguson Park Plaza and Loop Trail Project

Mike briefed the Parks Commission on the submittal for a Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant from the State Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) to construct a paved trail network with exercise stations and a central gathering plaza at Torguson Park. The grant requests \$122,150, with a local match of the same amount from Park Impact Fee Revenue, for the project. Mike provided a draft powerpoint presentation that he is preparing for the grant submittal, and received Parks Commission feedback. Mike will present the proposal to the RCO on June 12.

Use of Park Impact Fee Revenue

Mike described two projects that the City is seeking to use Park Impact Fee revenue for, requesting a recommendation from the Parks Commission. These include up to \$122,150 for local match to the grant submittal to the RCO for the Torguson Park Plaza and Loop Trail project, and up to \$4,000 for local match to a grant received for the Tollgate Farmhouse Seismic Repairs project, as further described on a memo included in the May 23 Parks Commission packet. Phil Lacefield provided a motion, seconded by Yvonne Dalke, to recommend use park impact fee revenue for these projects in the amount requested in the memo. The motion passed unanimously.

Roundabout Re-landscape Drawings

The Parks Commission reviewed the conceptual drawings that resident Curt Taylor prepared for re-landscaping the North Bend Way roundabout. The Parks Commission suggested that the row of trees behind the North Bend sign in the roundabout be less linear and more clustered, and that the douglas fir trees existing presently in the roundabout be relocated to the center of the roundabout where a blank area was

shown on the plans. The Parks Commission also suggested incorporating red flowering current into the landscape design, and considering a solar powered light to illuminate the Downtown North Bend sign.

Follow-up on Council Committee Review of William H. Taylor Park Improvements

Mike provided an overview of the Community and Economic Development (CED) Council Committee's review and recommendation on the proposed improvements to William H. Taylor Park described in the minor update to the Parks Element, following their April 17 meeting. The CED Committee wished to include the display shelter, platform improvements and landscape improvements as recommended by the Parks Commission, but did not wish to include the railroad track turn-around, as they felt it would too dramatically change the character of the existing park and would create too many impacts to the neighboring properties, who are used to a quiet park setting. As such, this element would not be included in the Parks Capital Improvements Program list in the updated Parks Element.

Parks Booth at Block Party

The Parks Commission confirmed that they wished to host a Parks Booth at the North Bend Block Party on July 14. The booth will include displays on what is happening with park planning in North Bend, and information on the Adopt-a-Park Program, with contact and sign-up information available. Mike and Yvonne will staff the booth from 12-2pm, Chris and Karen will staff it from 2-4pm, and Phil will staff the booth from 4-6pm. Aubrey will check her calendar regarding participating, and Mike will inquire with John and Eric about their availability to participate as well.

Upcoming Planning Commission Review of Parks Commission Items

Mike mentioned that the Planning Commission would be reviewing the Parks Commission's recommendation on the Urban Forestry Plan and Street Tree regulations at their May 24 meeting, with a hearing at their June 14 meeting. Likewise, the Planning Commission will be reviewing the Parks Commission's recommendation on the minor amendments to the Parks Element of the Comprehensive Plan at their June 28 meeting, with a hearing on the same date. A recommendation from both the Parks Commission and Planning Commission are required for these plans. Following the Planning Commission's recommendation, the plans will be forwarded to the City Council for possible adoption.

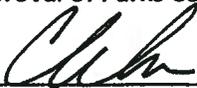
June Cleanup Project at EJ Roberts Park

The Parks Commission set a cleanup date of June 23, 9am - 12pm, for their park adoption activities at EJ Roberts Park.

Adjournment - The Meeting adjourned at 7:08.

Next Meeting - The next meeting of the Parks Commission is scheduled for Wednesday, June 27 at 6pm.

Approval of Parks Commission Minutes:



Chris Moore, Parks Commission Chair
Minutes prepared by Mike McCarty



Mike McCarty, Senior Planner