

Minutes of the North Bend Parks Commission Meeting of September 26, 2012
Minutes are draft until approved at the following Parks Commission Meeting.

Attendance:

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:05.

Park Plans for Miner's Ridge Subdivision

Mike McCarty presented the staff report describing park plans for the Miner's Ridge Subdivision, including suggested conditions for the Parks Commission's recommendation to the Hearing Examiner on the mini park. Parks Commission review and recommendation on park plans within subdivisions is required per NBMC 17.25.090. Two Wood River residents were present, and requested that a split rail fence be added along the western boundary of the Miner's Ridge mini-park, to provide separation between the mini park and the adjacent Wood River tract and prevent trespass. The Parks Commission concurred with this and additionally requested that a split-rail fence be provided along the north boundary of the park, for public safety along the edge of the steep slope and critical area buffer. For the active recreational feature required for the mini-park, as described in the staff report, the Parks Commission did not have a singular recommendation, but suggested that a horseshoe pit, monkey bars, a single swing, or a single climbing dome could provide active recreation without providing a feature that would generate excessive "play noise." Yvonne Dalke provided a motion to accept, as the Parks Commission's recommendation, the suggested conditions of the staff report to the Parks Commission, with a condition added to provide a split rail fence on the western and northern boundaries of the mini-park. The motion was seconded by Eric Thompson, and passed unanimously.

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Karen Wallace made a motion to approve the June 27 meeting minutes, seconded by Phil Lacefield. The motion passed unanimously.

Parks Booth at Block Party

Mike thanked the Parks Commissioners for their great help staffing the Parks Booth and promoting the adopt-a-park program at the Block Party. Parks Commissioners discussed their experiences at the booth. Yvonne Dalke shared that The Sallal Grange is potentially interested in adopting a park. Mike has contacted Nels Milgard, a Grange representative, and provided him with information about the program. To additionally promote the adopt-a-park program, the Parks Commission suggested preparing a banner that could be displayed across Ballarat Avenue or in some other visible public location. Mike stated that he would pass this suggestion along to Community Development Director Gina Estep, who is working on a program for banners for city projects and events.

Status Update on Park Projects

Mike briefed the Parks Commissioners on the Torguson Park Loop Trail Grant (Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant to the State Recreation and Conservation Office – ranked 6/12, will find out if we receive any funding in March of 2013.) Mike also informed the Parks Commissioners that the decision cards (budget requests to Council) for the North Bend Way/Cedar Falls Way Roundabout re-landscape project and site planning for William H. Taylor Park entry improvements were approved by Council for the 2013 budet. Mike informed the Parks Commissioners that, accordingly, they would be working on a recommendation for site plan and landscape improvements to William H. Taylor Park in upcoming meetings.

Adjournment - The Meeting adjourned at 6:50.

Next Meeting - The next meeting of the Parks Commission is scheduled for Wednesday, October 24 at 6pm.

Approval of Parks Commission Minutes:



Chris Moore, Parks Commission Chair

Minutes prepared by Mike McCarty



Mike McCarty, Senior Planner