

Minutes of the North Bend Parks Commission Meeting of May 22, 2013

Minutes are draft until approved at the following Parks Commission Meeting.

Attendance:

- Parks Commissioners in attendance: Chris Moore, Phil Lacefield, Eric Thompson, Aubrey McMichael.
- Parks Commissioners absent: Yvonne Dalke, Karen Wallace, John Fredenburg (notified ahead).
- Staff in attendance: Mike McCarty, Senior Planner.
- Guests in attendance: Roy Baunsgard, Snoqualmie Valley Little League President.

The meeting was called to order at 6:05.

Proposal by Snoqualmie Valley Little League

Roy Baunsgard, president of the Snoqualmie Valley Little League (SVLL), presented progress on the proposal by the SVLL to partner with the City to construct new backstops for the quad of 4 softball fields at Torguson Park, and a new restroom/concession facility at the center of the quad. Mr. Baunsgard provided copies of budget estimates for the backstops (\$55,900 + tax) and for restroom/concession facility (\$126,200 + tax). The building estimate includes extension of water and sewer lines as necessary to serve the building, and a building basically the same as the restroom/concession at Centennial Fields in Snoqualmie. Mr. Baunsgard noted that the SVLL would be able to contribute about \$60,000 toward the project.

To make room for the restroom/concession building, the proposal would necessitate re-positioning one of the fields, which was not included in the budget estimate. Mr. Baunsgard stated that either of the two western fields (field 3 or 4) would work best to relocate, and suggested that Mike discuss this with Parks Lead Mark Pray for further consideration of which field to move. He stated that the softball teams generally don't play on Field 4 because there is no perimeter fence. Mr. Baunsgard also clarified that the fields are not irrigated and would require minimal work to re-locate, other than the backstops. He also noted that the City and SVLL already has a sufficient supply of infield mix soil as necessary for the re-configured field, and that the field reconfiguration and haul off, as well as the demolition of the existing backstops would be done by volunteer labor.

Mike McCarty stated that to use City Park Impact Fee revenue and to be eligible for funding from state grant sources, the projects would need to be on the City's Parks Capital Facilities Plan. Mike noted that the backstops are on the Parks Capital Facilities Plan, but not the restroom/concession building. Mike suggested that the Parks Commission would want to add the restroom/concession building to the CFP to facilitate project funding from these sources, should the Council wish.

Eric Thompson provided a motion, seconded by Phil Lacefield, to add the restroom/concession building to the Parks CFP. The motion passed unanimously. Mike stated that he would add this and bring back the language to the Parks Commission at their next meeting.

Phil Lacefield provided a motion to recommend to the City Council that the City partner with the SVLL to construct the project utilizing park impact fee revenue and contributions from the SVLL, and apply for grant funding for the project. The motion was seconded by Aubrey McMichael and approved unanimously.

the Si View neighborhood, and may be able to raise interest in the Si View neighborhood association adopting a portion of Si View Neighborhood Park.

Adjournment - The Meeting adjourned at 7:20.

Next Meeting - The next meeting of the Parks Commission is scheduled for Wednesday, July 24 at 6pm. Aubrey McMichael noted that she will not be able to attend the July meeting.

Approval of Parks Commission Minutes:



Chris Moore, Parks Commission Chair



Mike McCarty, Senior Planner

Minutes prepared by Mike McCarty