

Minutes of the North Bend Parks Commission Meeting of January 27, 2010

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

Attendance:

- Parks Commissioners in attendance: Yvonne Dalke (Chair), Lisa Eytel, Rob McFarland, Karen Wallace, Chris Moore, Eric Thompson, John Fredenburg
- Staff in attendance: Mike McCarty

The meeting began at 6:05 pm.

Introduction of New Parks Commissioners

The new and existing Parks Commissioners and staff introduced themselves to one another.

Election of Chair

Mike McCarty informed the Parks Commission that per NBMC 2.24.090, the Parks Commission needs to elect a new chairperson once a year. The Parks Commissioners chose to re-elect Yvonne Dalke to serve as chair in 2010. Yvonne accepted.

Minutes of the November 18, 2009 Parks Commission Meeting

The Parks Commissioners accepted the minutes as presented for the November 18, 2009 Parks Commission Meeting.

Briefing on Adopted Parks Element to the Comprehensive Plan

Mike McCarty provided a briefing of the amendments provided by the Community and Economic Development Council Committee following the Parks Commission and Planning Commission recommendation on October 22. The CED Committee provided these amendments prior to the Council adoption of the Parks Element on January 19, 2010.

Park Plans for Tannerwood Subdivision

Mike presented a staff report to the Parks Commission reviewing preliminary plans submitted by John Day homes for park and recreation facilities within the proposed 70-lot Tannerwood subdivision located in the Tanner area of the City. The Parks Commission considered the recommended conditions provided in the staff report, and requested the following revisions to the conditions:

1. The Parks Commission requested amending condition 4 (regarding the open space/wildlife corridor tracts) to require that the applicant either construct the trail within open space tracts C, D and E and maintain it until development occurs on the property to the north, or provide a fee-in-lieu for the City to construct the trail at a later date. The Parks Commission requested this revision to limit the City's maintenance obligations until such time that the trail within these tracts can be connected to the City's larger trail system, through development of the property to the north.
2. Condition 2, as written, provided that the Parks Commission would review the final plans for all public park and open space tracts. Mike McCarty clarified that the Parks Commission would not review the final plans for any private park and open space tracts, as these would not become a part

of the City's Park and Recreation System, but that staff would review these final plans to ensure conformance of these recreation areas to the Residential Recreation and Common Space Standards in NBMC 17.25. Commissioner Rob McFarland raised a concern that if private parks were required to be open to the public for use, that the Parks Commission should provide review of the final plans for these private tracts as well. Mike stated that he did not believe that this was required by the code, but would check further to confirm this, and would change the condition such that the Parks Commission would review all park tracts if this were the case. [Follow-up review confirmed that there is no public access requirement.]

Per the conditions as modified, the Parks Commission recommended approval of the preliminary plans for the park and open space tracts within the Tannerwood subdivision.

2010 Tentative Work Program

Mike McCarty presented the Parks Commission with a memo describing the projects the Parks Commission identified at their last meeting in November as priority projects they wish to address in 2010. Mike and the Parks Commissioners discussed the projects on the list and timing of review for those projects.

Briefing on Open Space Related Planning Efforts

Mike McCarty briefed the Parks Commission on two open space related planning efforts and projects the City is currently involved with. The first was the City's planning for amendments to the City's Fish and Wildlife Habitat Conservation Area regulations to accommodate a regional wildlife migration corridor (used principally by elk) in the Tanner area, with a public hearing scheduled for February 25. The second was a project by the City and the Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust to provide ivy and holly removal and native planting on the eastern bookend of Tollgate Farm, in the vicinity of the Snoqualmie Valley Trail bridge over the South Fork Snoqualmie River.

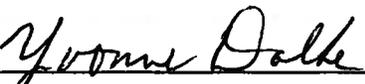
Adjournment

The Meeting adjourned at 7:45.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parks Commission is scheduled for Wednesday, February 24 at 6pm.

Approval of Parks Commission Minutes:



Parks Commission Chair



Mike McCarty, Senior Planner

Minutes prepared by Mike McCarty