

Minutes of the North Bend Parks Commission Meeting of May 26, 2010

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

Attendance:

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

The meeting began at 6:00 pm.

Minutes of the March 24, 2010 Parks Commission Meeting

The Parks Commissioners accepted the minutes as presented for the March 24, 2010 Parks Commission Meeting.

Si View Park Master Plan (per the Si View Metropolitan Park District)

Mike McCarty presented the Si View Park Master Plan as proposed by the Si View Metropolitan Park District. The Parks Commission's review is only for the purpose of implementing the City's municipal code for review of the landscaping and site improvements. The landscape regulations in NBMC 18.18.120 requires Parks Commission approval of park plans for the City's review and approval of the landscaping improvements proposed for the park. Motion by Eric Thompson, 2nd by Lisa Eytel, to approve the master site plan for the Si View Park improvements for City permitting purposes. The motion passed unanimously.

Final park plan for Tannerwood Subdivision and Parks Commission process for review of parks provided through subdivisions

Mike presented the approved plan for the new city park to be constructed within the Tannerwood subdivision, and described the minor, non-substantive revisions to the plan following the Parks Commission's review and recommendation of the plan for preliminary plat approval. Mike also clarified the process as established in the municipal code for Parks Commission review of new parks provided through subdivisions. Currently, the code, in NBMC 17.25.090 provides that the Parks Commission reviews the park plan only during preliminary plat review, and staff completes review for final plat approval. The Parks Commission suggested that staff provide a code amendment to clarify that the Parks Commission will review park plans following Preliminary Plat approval, should there be a substantive revision to the plan as provided for preliminary plat approval. This is how staff implements the code, but there is currently no language formalizing this.

Informational update on potential new North Bend park – Dahlgren Family Park

Mike briefed the Parks Commission on a code amendment currently under review at the City Council to establish an overlay zone for a 21-acre parcel located between North Bend Way and King County's Tanner Landing Park. In exchange for zoning amendments which would give the property owner a broader mix of allowable uses, the property owner would be required to dedicate 2.5 acres to the City for a new park, and

construct a road through the property to enable a connection from North Bend Way into Tanner Landing Park. Mike said that the Parks Commission will further consider planning and future uses for the park, if the amendments are passed, at future meetings.

Policies for receiving donated memorial park features

Mike presented draft policies for receiving donated memorial park features in parks, as requested by the Parks Commission at their previous meeting. Mike stated that these policies would be provided in the Community and Economic Development Department's Administrative Rules, for use when future donations are considered. Motion by Yvonne Dalke, seconded by Eric Thompson, to recommend approval of the policies for the City's acceptance of donated memorial park features. The motion passed unanimously.

Review of Draft Torguson Park Master Site Plan

Mike presented the draft Torguson Park Master Site plan update, showing the proposed trail network, landscaping, and new features within the park not identified on the existing Torguson Park plan. Mike stated that he is awaiting a response from King County as to an inquiry about providing pedestrian entrance improvements on King County property adjacent to Torguson Park and the Snoqualmie Valley Trail at Thrasher Avenue and 3rd Street. Following King County's response, Mike stated that he will complete that area of the site plan and bring back a final draft for the Parks Commission to consider and provide a recommendation to Council for adoption of the plan. The Parks Commissioners concurred with the draft as proposed to date. Yvonne Dalke suggested locating additional facilities in the southeast corner of the park, such as a tennis or basketball court. Mike stated that adjacent homeowners might not like additional active facilities there, due to the proximity of this corner of the park to the backyards of these homes. The Parks Commission decided to leave this corner open in the plan, but could consider improvements at a future date.

Certification of Parks Element

Mike informed the Parks Commission that the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) called him to let him know that the City's Parks Element, which the City Council approved in January, has now been certified. This enables the City to be eligible for grant funding from the RCO for park projects.

Adjournment

The Meeting adjourned at 7:05.

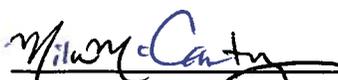
Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parks Commission is scheduled for Wednesday, June 23 at 6pm.

Approval of Parks Commission Minutes:



Yvonne Dalke, Parks Commission Chair

 6/23/2010

Mike McCarty, Senior Planner

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