

Minutes of the North Bend Parks Commission Meeting of June 23, 2010

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

Attendance:

- Parks Commissioners in attendance: Yvonne Dalke (Chair), Lisa Eytel, Eric Thompson, Karen Wallace, Rob McFarland, John Fredenburg
- Parks Commissioners absent: Chris Moore (notified ahead).
- Staff in attendance: Mike McCarty, Senior Planner
- Guests in attendance (for the workshop): (Check spelling): Friederike and John Busczyk, Judy Bilanko, Margaret McNeely, Casondra Brewster-Roth, Greg Brewster, and Sal Pasentino.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.

Torguson Park Master Plan Update Workshop

Mike McCarty presented the updated Torguson Park Master Plan, including facilities proposed by the City, as well as facilities that developer John Day Homes has been required to provide via the park requirements for the Ranger Station Cottage Subdivision on Thrasher Avenue. Attendees provided a number of questions and comments during the workshop. Comments can be summarized as follows:

- Attendees provided comments regarding the placement of trees near the rear property line of homes on Thrasher Avenue, desiring to not block their views of the park, and suggesting that alternative deciduous trees be considered rather than the Douglas firs proposed. Mike provided notes on the map regarding the locations of the trees, by which amendments to the master Plan could be provided.
- Attendees stated a concern that future park improvements not negatively impact drainage and stormwater conveyance within the area. Staff, the Parks Commissioners, and the attendees discussed the potential to use porous paving for the new parking area and trail improvements. Mike clarified the drainage and stormwater permitting requirements that any project, including trails and parking, would need to follow, including the 2009 King County Surface Water Design Manual.
- Attendees stated concerns regarding the noise and traffic impacts of the new parking lot to be accessed off of Thrasher Avenue, to be provided by John Day Homes as a part of the park mitigation requirements for his development across the street. Mike clarified that this parking lot is not a conceptual part of the plan, but has already been secured as a condition of the preliminary plat approval of the John Day Homes development.
- Attendees suggested that the proposed loop trail not be located along the eastern boundary of the park (near their homes), or that it be located further to the west, either bypassing the climbing rock or staying tighter in to it, to limit impacts to the residences. Mike described the reasons it was proposed where shown, principally due to the location of the existing swale and berm.
- Attendees expressed support to the improvement to the 5 westerly ballfields, as further described in the Parks Capital Facilities Plan.
- Attendees expressed general support to placing a basketball court or half court at Torguson Park, but not east of the parking lot near to the climbing wall, where the noise could impact residents.

Parks Commission Recommendation on the Torguson Park Master Plan

The Parks Commission discussed the comments received at the public workshop. The Parks Commission decided not to recommend including a basketball court or half-court in the master plan, as the park already is somewhat

full, and a basketball court could be placed at another city park containing less features. The Parks Commission discussed the location of the loop trail near the eastern boundary of the park, and determined that it was in the most appropriate location considering the topographic constraints. Rob McFarland provided a motion to approve the plan as presented, subject to the modifications to the proposed landscaping along the eastern boundary of the park as discussed during the workshop and as further arranged with the abutting homeowners. The motion was seconded by Eric Thompson, and passed 5:0, with 1 abstention (John Fredenburg).

Minutes of the May 26, 2010 Parks Commission Meeting

The Parks Commissioners accepted the minutes as presented for the May 26, 2010 Parks Commission Meeting.

Conceptual Adopt a Park Program

Mike McCarty presented a draft brochure for a City of North Bend Adopt-A-Park and Adopt-A-Trail Program and suggested that North Bend utilize the City of Snoqualmie’s program as a template for establishing the program. Mike briefly described the program, which would enable residents, businesses and community groups to provide basic care and cleanup of the City’s parks and trails, and would recognize these individuals and groups with a sign in their adopted park thanking them for their service. The Parks Commissioners were favorable to developing a North Bend program based on Snoqualmie’s established program. Mike stated that he would bring the final materials back to the Parks Commission for their consideration and possible recommendation at a future meeting.

Dahlgren Family Park

Commissioner Rob McFarland inquired about the status of the dedication of the property to the City for the Dahlgren Family Park, and suggested that the Parks Commission should begin considering the types of improvements that will occur in this park. Mike stated that he would bring additional information to the next meeting for the Parks Commission to begin planning for this park.

Adjournment

The Meeting adjourned at 8:30.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parks Commission is scheduled for Wednesday, July 28 at 6pm, at EJ Roberts Park, and will include a potluck picnic dinner.

Approval of Parks Commission Minutes:



Yvonne Dalke, Parks Commission Chair



Mike McCarty, Senior Planner

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