

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

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

Attendance:

- Parks Commissioners in attendance: Yvonne Dalke (Chair), Chris Moore, Eric Thompson, Phil Lacefield
- Parks Commissioners absent: Karen Wallace (notified ahead), Hannah Johanson (notified ahead), John Fredenburg.
- Staff in attendance: Mike McCarty, Senior Planner

The meeting was called to order at 6:00.

Minutes of the September 29, 2010 Parks Commission Meeting

Eric Thompson requested an edit to the minutes to state that the Parks Commission was interested to adopt a portion of EJ Roberts Park (rather than adopting the park as a whole). Mike stated that he would make this correction and bring the minutes back at the next Parks Commission Meeting.

Park Descriptions Section of the City of North Bend Updated Website

Mike presented a handout from the Parks Commission packet that provided park descriptions that would be included on an update to the City's website. The descriptions included photos, features within the parks, and weblinks to a map showing the location of the park and other applicable links. The Parks Commission liked the descriptions and didn't have any specific comments for revisions or additions.

Preliminary Review of Byron Moore Subdivision Park and Open Space Plans

Mike presented the preliminary plat maps for the 105-lot Byron Moore Subdivision and described the proposed parks and open space areas. Mike stated that this would only be a preliminary review, and that the more formal review would take place at the next meeting, following receipt of a revised park and landscape plan to be provided by the developer, which would address revisions to the wetland mitigation areas, stormwater facilities, and landscaping.

Mike described the park requirements from North Bend Municipal Code Chapter 17.25 that are applicable to the development, including the requirement to provide either two ¼ acre mini parks, or one consolidated ½ acre (or larger) neighborhood park. The developer has shown one consolidated park, but only the facilities of one mini-park. Mike stated that the developer would need to provide the facilities equivalent to two mini-parks, and inquired with the Parks Commission about what those additional facilities should be, suggesting a small basketball court or other form of sports court. The parks commission concurred with this suggestion, in order to provide greater variety in the facilities provided and ages served by the park. Mike stated that the basketball or other form of sports court would need to be equivalent in cost to what the cost of a typical mini-park play structure and associated improvements would be.

Mike offered another suggestion that the development's stormwater pond be re-oriented along its northern boundary in a northeast/southwest direction rather than the currently-shown northwest/southeast orientation, in order to provide a more usable and integrated park area. The Parks Commission concurred with this suggestion. Mike stated that the trail that parallels the stormwater pond currently terminates at the property boundary, but that the City would try to pursue an easement to continue that trail south to connect to the Snoqualmie Valley Trail and Torguson Park.

The Parks Commission also suggested that additional passive park facilities be included north of Road "A," within the area that will be an extension of EJ Roberts Park, including benches, picnic tables, park barbecue stands and a small picnic shelter.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parks Commission is scheduled for Wednesday, November 17 at 6pm (special early meeting time due to the following Thanksgiving Holiday Week).

Adjournment

The Meeting adjourned at 6:50.

Approval of Parks Commission Minutes:



Yvonne Dalke, Parks Commission Chair

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Mike McCarty, Senior Planner

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