

Minutes of the North Bend Parks Commission Meeting of March 23, 2011

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

Attendance:

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:05.

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Phil Lacefield provided a motion, seconded by John Fredenburg, to approve the February 23, 2011 meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

EJ Roberts Park Adoption Work Day Followup and Next Work Day

Mike thanked the Parks Commissioners for the hard work that they provided at EJ Roberts Park on March 12, via their adoption of the park through the Adopt-a-Park Program. Mike and the Parks Commission discussed the next work party at the park, which was tentatively scheduled for Saturday, June 4 from 9am to 12pm. Mike described that an activity for this work party could include scraping and repainting the children's play structures and benches in the park, the paint of which is in poor shape.

Urban Forestry Plan

Mike informed the Parks Commissioners that the City was awarded a 2011 Community Forestry Assistance Grant from the Washington Department of Natural Resources and the USDA Forest Service to perform a public tree inventory and prepare an Urban Forestry Plan. Mike described the Parks Commission's role in the preparation of the Urban Forestry Plan, including developing a vision statement and goals and policies for the City's Public Tree Resources. Mike said that the work would occur over the next several months, and the City would be hiring an Urban Forestry consultant to prepare the tree inventory and advise the City on the preparation of the Urban Forestry Plan.

Planning for Arbor Day Recognition – April 30

Mike and the Parks Commission discussed the upcoming National Arbor Day, which the City will need to provide recognition of for the City's plan to become a certified Tree City USA City through the Washington Department of Natural Resources and National Arbor Day Foundation. Mike described challenges with the prior proposal to provide a volunteer tree planting event at Torguson Park, due to poor soil conditions where the trees would be located, and a shortage of summer parks staffing for necessary followup watering and care for the trees. As an alternative to planting within Torguson Park, Mike suggested that the City could recognize Arbor Day in association with an native planting and habitat restoration event that the Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust is coordinating at the Tollgate Farm forest on Saturday, April 30. The Parks Commissioners agreed that the City should tandem with this event to serve as the City's Arbor Day recognition.

New Si View Park Pea Patch Garden Followup

Karen described her followup conversations with Tammi Kaberlein regarding the pea patch garden proposal within Si View Park by the Si View neighborhood. Ms. Kaberlein was concerned that there was not enough interest at this

time within the neighborhood to move forward for this year, but that she would continue to work to generate support, and perhaps planning for this project for spring of 2012 would be better. Mike stated that Ms. Kaberlein had also contacted him about the possibility of having a group from the Si View neighborhood adopt a portion of Si View Park through the adopt-a-park program, and that he had sent her the application materials for this.

Future Meetings

Karen Wallace mentioned that she would be out of state in April and May and would not be able to make those Parks Commission Meetings. John Fredenburg mentioned that we would be out of state in April and wouldn't be able to make that meeting.

Adjournment - The Meeting adjourned at 6:33.

Next Meeting - The next meeting of the Parks Commission is scheduled for Wednesday, April 27 at 6pm.

Approval of Parks Commission Minutes:


Yvonne Dalke, Parks Commission Chair


Mike McCarty, Senior Planner

Minutes prepared by Mike McCarty