

Minutes of the North Bend Parks Commission Meeting of May 25, 2011

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

Attendance:

- Parks Commissioners in attendance: Chris Moore, Phil Lacefield, Hannah Johanson, Yvonne Dalke.
- Parks Commissioners absent: Karen Wallace, Eric Thompson and John Fredenburg (all notified ahead)
- Staff in attendance: Mike McCarty, Senior Planner
- Guest: Tor Bell, Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust

The meeting was called to order at 6:00.

Presentation on the Mountains to Sound Greenway

Tor Bell from the Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust provided a guest presentation on the work of the Trust and their progress over the last 20 years. Tor described the relationship that the Trust has with the City of North Bend on a number of habitat restoration projects, and how the Trust wishes to continue to work in collaboration with local jurisdictions to address issues of scenic land preservation, habitat restoration, recreation, tourism, and historic preservation.

Minutes of the March 23, 2011 Parks Commission Meetings

Phil Lacefield provided a motion, seconded by Chris Moore, to approve the March 23, 2011 meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

EJ Roberts Park Adoption Work Day Followup and Next Work Day

The Parks Commissioners decided to schedule a work day at EJ Roberts Park for Saturday, July 9, from 9am – 12pm, as a part of their adoption of the park through the Adopt-a-Park Program. The work will include scraping and repainting the playground and benches at the park. Mike will coordinate the supplies with the Parks Department.

Urban Forestry Plan

Mike stated that a tree consulting company, Davey Resource Group, has now been hired to do the public tree inventory work through the WDNR Community Forestry Assistance Grant, and would be starting this work in the next month. Mike also briefly described the existing policies that the City has in place to address preservation of trees on development sites, and a policy in the Parks Element of the Comprehensive Plan that directs the Parks Commission to develop an Urban Forestry Plan.

Urban Forestry Workshop

Mike stated that the next Parks Commission meeting would be a public workshop to develop a vision statement and primary goals for the City's public tree resources, which would guide the development of the policies of the Urban Forestry Plan. The parks commission decided that the workshop could occur on June 15 rather than the regular meeting time of June 22 (as Mike would be gone then).

Adjournment - The Meeting adjourned at 7:30.

Next Meeting - The next meeting of the Parks Commission is scheduled for Wednesday, June 15 at 6pm.

Approval of Parks Commission Minutes:


Yvonne Dalke, Parks Commission Chair


Mike McCarty, Senior Planner

Minutes prepared by Mike McCarty