

Minutes of the North Bend Parks Commission Meeting (and Public Workshop) of June 15, 2011

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

Attendance:

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:00.

Urban Forestry Workshop

The Parks Commissioners and Mike introduced themselves to Michelle Feikema in attendance. Mike provided an overview of the purpose of the workshop, specifically to develop a vision statement that would guide development of policies within the Urban Forestry Plan. Mike also briefly described the existing policies that the City has in place to address preservation of trees on development sites and requirements to provide new street trees when new development occurs.

The Parks Commission, Ms. Feikema, and Mike discussed the environmental, functional, social and economic benefits that trees provide, problems with trees that we wish to avoid in our urban forest, and how trees contribute specifically to North Bend's character and identity, marking these attributes on wall tablets. Mike showed a slideshow of images of trees along streets and in parks throughout North Bend for further discussion on what role trees play in the City's identity, and for comparisons of similar areas with and without public trees.

Following the discussion on the value of trees and their role in North Bend's identity, Mike asked the Parks Commission and public to begin to think about what the City's future Urban Forest should be like, in order to form a vision statement for the City's Urban Forestry Master Plan.

The parks Commission and public came up with the following draft vision statement for the City's urban forest:

"To ensure the continued social and economic well being of our community, the City of North Bend values our urban forest as it connects us to our surrounding environment, enhances our well being, preserves our unique, informal small town character and heritage, and provides numerous environmental functions and benefits."

The Parks Commission agreed to further consider the draft vision statement between this and the next meeting in July, to refine it and move into policy formation consistent with the vision statement.

Minutes of the May 25, 2011 Parks Commission Meeting

Chris Moore provided a motion, seconded by Hannah Johanson, to approve the May 25, 2011 meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

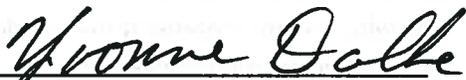
EJ Roberts Park Adoption Work Day Followup and Next Work Day

The Parks Commissioners discussed the work day at EJ Roberts Park scheduled 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, and maintenance against blackberries that have come up in the area previously cleared. Mike will coordinate the supplies with the Parks Department. The Parks Commissioners will inform Mike asap if the date does not work for them.

Adjournment - The Meeting adjourned at 7:30.

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

Approval of Parks Commission Minutes:



Yvonne Dalke, Parks Commission Chair



Mike McCarty, Senior Planner

Minutes prepared by Mike McCarty