

Minutes of the North Bend Parks Commission Meeting of September 28, 2011

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

Attendance:

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:00.

Welcome Cody Roell

New youth Parks Commission member Cody Roell introduced himself to the Parks Commission. Mike and the Parks Commission thanked Cody for volunteering, and also gave thanks for departing youth Parks Commissioner Hannah Johanson for her service.

Minutes of the July 27, 2011 Parks Commission Meeting

John Fredenburg noted a correction for the minutes that he was at the July 27 meeting and Karen Wallace was not. John provided a motion, seconded by Phil Lacefield, to approve the July 27, 2011 meeting minutes as corrected. The motion passed unanimously.

Urban Forestry Plan

Mike presented the draft Urban Forestry Plan, as well as the report prepared by Davey Resource Group on the Public Tree Inventory they conducted in August. Mike stated that at the next Parks Commission meeting, he would bring draft regulations for incorporating into the North Bend Municipal Code which would implement the goals and policies of the Urban Forestry Plan, and would seek the Park's Commission's final recommendation at that meeting on the plan and regulations.

Yvonne suggested providing multiple means of public outreach to ensure that residents are aware of where they are responsible for the maintenance of street trees in front of their properties, as provided in the plan. Mike stated that he would develop an Urban Forestry/ Street tree web page on the City's website to clarify these requirements, and provide this information in the City's newsletter and via other media.

Karen suggested amending the policy calling for planting generally no greater than 10% of a species or 20% of a genus in the overall public tree population, to specifically exempt native species from this requirement. Mike stated that he would make this amendment, reflecting that native species are less susceptible to pest damage than ornamental species, and are reflective to North Bend's natural character.

2012 Decision Cards

Mike presented the two park-related decision cards (budget requests) that would be considered by the City Council in the 2012 budgeting process. These included:

- Torguson Park trail and plaza improvements: \$23,500 (in addition to \$65,000 in park impact fee revenue) to provide a 50% match requirement for a Land and Water Conservation Grant application for the project.

- Tollgate Farmhouse siding repair and replacement: \$15,000 to provide a 50% match requirement for a 4-Culture Landmark Challenge Grant application for the project.

Mike stated that both decision cards are consistent with the Parks Capital Facilities Plan. The Parks Commission provided a recommendation for both of these decision cards. Mike clarified that the Council is facing another tight budget year, and that it is possible that the Council may choose to fund neither decision card.

Si View MPD Community Park Plans

Mike reviewed the changes to the Si View Community Park proposed by the Si View Metropolitan Park District (MPD), as depicted on the plans provided to the Parks Commissioners. The park improvements require the review and recommendation of the Parks Commission, which will go to the Si View MPD for consideration. The Parks Commission liked the overall plans, and liked the types of play equipment constructed by cre8play, which was suggested by the MPD as a potential supplier. The Parks Commission had the following recommendations regarding play equipment to be provided at the park:

- The Parks Commission recommends a tree/natural theme to go along with North Bend's character and identity. (A side thought was provided to replicate a miniature version of Mt. Si that kids could climb on).
- The Parks Commission recommends incorporating a ground pad surfacing material that can incorporate a "stream" and boulders that kids could interact with and use in creative play, as depicted on some of the playgrounds created by Cre8play..

EJ Roberts Park Adoption Next Work Day

The Parks Commissioners scheduled a work party at EJ Roberts Park for Saturday, October 8, from 9am – 12pm, as a part of their adoption of the park through the Adopt-a-Park Program. Mike will coordinate the supplies and tasks with the Parks Department.

Adjournment - The Meeting adjourned at 7:00.

Next Meeting - The next meeting of the Parks Commission is scheduled for Wednesday, October 26 at 6pm.

Approval of Parks Commission Minutes:



Yvonne Dalke, Parks Commission Chair



Mike McCarty, Senior Planner

Minutes prepared by Mike McCarty