

Minutes of the North Bend Parks Commission Meeting of August 24, 2016
Minutes are draft until approved at the following Parks Commission Meeting

Attendance:

- Parks Commissions in attendance: Yvonne Dalke, Judy Bilanko, Ethan Duvall, and Eric Thompson
- Parks Commissioners absent: Mike Brennan, John Lockie, Karen Wallace
- Staff in attendance: Mike McCarty, Senior Planner
- Guest in attendance: Mark Joselyn, Si View MPD Representative

The meeting was called to order at 6:05

April 27, 2016 Minutes

Judy Bilanko made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 27, 2016 meeting, Ethan Duvall seconded. Passed unanimously.

Park Signs

Mike McCarty presented the updated sign proposals prepared by the City's sign contractor, RainMaker Signs, Inc., for the entry signs and the Torguson Park Informational Kiosk sign. The Parks Commission provided the following recommendations for the kiosk sign:

- Remove the "no motor vehicles on park grounds or trails" as that should be self-evident.
- Confirm that the map will be larger and the "you are here" dot and the text boxes will be smaller.
- Add North Bend Way, Thrasher Avenue, and the Snoqualmie Valley Trail for reference.

Si View MPD 2016 Survey

The Parks Commissioners reviewed and discussed the results of the recent survey conducted by the Si View Metropolitan Park District, with the top priorities from the results indicating a desire among the public for additional trails and passive open space areas.

Parks Element Update

Mike McCarty briefed the Parks Commission on the draft updates to the Parks Element of the Comprehensive Plan, including adding the acquisition of the Gardner Creek Tenant/Heartland site for a trailhead and mountain bike park, and updates to the Trail Plan Map to add additional trail connections. The Parks Commission discussed the amendments.

Yvonne Dalke provided a motion to recommend approval of the amendments as provided. Eric Thompson seconded. Passed unanimously.

Park-Related Decision Cards

Mike McCarty presented the park-related decision cards that have been provided to the City Council for considering funding in 2017 and/or 2018. These include:

1. preparing construction-ready plans for improvements to William H. Taylor Park;
2. Directional signage for the Snoqualmie Valley Trail; and
3. A Trails Connected Network Plan to identify needed trail connections.

The Council will decide which decision cards to fund at an upcoming workstudy meeting.

Downtown Beautification Funds

Mike McCarty sought input from the Parks Commission on the use of \$2000 available in downtown beautification funds in the 2016 budget, providing some options. The Parks Commission suggested providing the funds toward the following:

1. Supplemental landscaping at the dumpster screens on McClellan Street at Bendigo Boulevard and Main.
2. Painting or applying screen graphic artwork to the utility boxes in the downtown (at railroad crossings and intersections). Suggestion to contact the Mt. Si High School Art Department for this work. The Parks Commission further requested that if this project is done, that thematic criteria be applied, such that the artwork relates to the history, culture, geography, or outdoor-recreational theme of the City.

Cedar Falls/North Bend Way Roundabout Improvements.

Mike McCarty informed the Parks Commission that there is \$3,190 in the 2016 budget for supplemental landscaping at the Cedar Falls/North Bend Way Roundabout. Consistent with the recommendations made by the Parks Commission at their November 18, 2015 meeting, Mike suggested that the City add the following supplemental landscaping in areas where landscaping is lacking:

1. Install drip irrigation from the existing irrigation stub.
2. Add clustered mountain hemlock trees.
3. Add tall and short Oregon grape.
4. Add flowers to the sign area, including daffodil, purple coneflower (*Echinacea purpurea* 'Bravado'), and ingwersen's cranebill (*Geranium macrorhizum* 'Ingwersen's Variety'), matching that proposed for the new roundabout at Downing.

The Parks Commission concurred with this.

Adjournment

Yvonne motioned to adjourn, Judy seconded. All in favor: no abstentions. Adjourned 7:25.

Next Meeting - The next meeting of the Parks Commission is scheduled for Wednesday September 28, 2016.


Yvonne Dalke, Parks Commission Chair


Mike McCarty, Senior Planner

Minutes prepared by Mike McCarty