

**Minutes of the North Bend Parks Commission Meeting of June 28, 2017**  
**Minutes are draft until approved at the following Parks Commission Meeting**

Meeting called to order 6:35 pm.

**Attendance:**

- Parks Commissions in attendance: Judy Bilanko, Eric Thompson, Mike Brennan, Mark Correia, Minna Rudd
- Parks Commissioners absent: Will Huestis (notified ahead), John Lockie
- Staff in attendance: Mike McCarty, Senior Planner

**Minutes of April 26, 2017 meeting.**

Minna Rudd made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 26, 2017 meeting. Mark Correia seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

**Utility Box Cabinet Wraps**

Mark Coirerra provided follow-up information from that presented at the previous meeting on the utility box cabinet wraps (aesthetic cover-wraps on the metal utility boxes at intersections). The City of Issaquah's corporate/advertiser sponsorship program may not be well suited to North Bend, given our smaller number of cabinet wraps, and that Issaquah had mixed results with sponsors not maintaining the wraps. However, the Parks Commission felt that providing maps on cabinet wraps (on our own rather than via sponsors) would still be desirable. Mike McCarty indicated that he does not have staff time with present workload to research this further, but hopes to come back to it in the near future.

**Dahlgren Family Park Conceptual Site Planning Ideas**

Following from the preliminary discussion on the conceptual site planning for the Dahlgren Family Park at the April Parks Commission meeting, Mike McCarty presented an updated site plan prepared by the landscape architect. The Parks Commission provided the following recommendations (which have been added to the recommendations provided at their last meeting that haven't yet been addressed or are broad in nature:

**Site Layout:**

- Ensure that the Dahlgren Family Park and the adjacent King County Tanner Landing Park function together as one cohesive whole as much as possible.
- Provide a more prominent entry road toward Tanner Landing Park, rather than just a driveway as currently shown (and as required under City Code in NBMC).
- Provide clusters of head in parking along the entry road rather than a singular parking lot for more efficient use of space. The current parking quantity is likely insufficient unless parking is also provided at the King County Tanner Landing Park across the Snoqualmie Valley Trail.
- If a parking lot is included, it should be on the park side of the road further from the apartments, to deter use by apartment residents.
- A dog park should not be located next to the apartments, as it would likely create frequent noise (barking) that would be disturbing to residents. The dog park, if included, should be located toward the east end of the park, or in the King County Tanner Landing property.
- Reposition the restroom so that it is not directly in the viewshed of Mt. Si from the shelter.
- Where is stormwater addressed, and how does it relate to park function?

- Provide further separation of the sidewalk/pathway and North Bend Way. Incorporate a split rail fence, berm, or ditch into the design between pathway and North Bend Way to provide a safer barrier/separation from the roadway for park users.

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#### Future Amenities:

- Show a bicycle rack on the plans, located between the Snoqualmie Valley Trail and the restroom.
- Ample picnic tables and picnic facilities should be incorporated given the high likelihood of picnic use at this site (especially with whitewater users, who may wish to picnic after their time on the river.) A cooking area with water spigots would also be great at the shelter.
- Be sure to include an ADA accessible table within the picnic shelter.
- The climbing wall should be geared to younger users, as the City already has a large adult climbing structure at Torguson Park.
- The Parks Commission is very favorable to the proposed climbing rock/bouldering play areas, and the fire tower.
- Any play equipment provided should be in a natural form, such as interesting logs, root bases, and boulders that could be climbed on, in keeping with the more informal, open space character of the park.
- The fire tower, if developed, will need to ensure ADA compatibility with perhaps a lower platform with ramp.

#### Parks Booth at Farmer's Market

The Parks Commission discussed feedback from hosting the booth at the North Bend Farmer's Market following the first booth at the June 8 Farmer's Market. Public feedback was very positive, and a number of votes were received for favorite future park and trail projects. Parks Commissioners requested a "cheat sheet" on planned/funded park improvements underway to provide information to the public. We need to provide stronger easels to account for wind. Remaining booths include the July 13, August 3, and September 7 Farmer's Markets (each date 4-8pm), and will be staffed as follows:

##### July 13 –

- 4-6pm: Mike McCarty and Mark Corriera.
- 6-8pm: Mike Brennan and Eric Thompson (Mike M will come back to help close up)

##### August 3 –

- 4-6pm: Lynn Hyde and Mike Brennan.
- 6-8pm: Mark Correia and John Lockie (Mike M will come back to help close up)

##### September 7 –

- 4-6pm: Judy Bilanko and Will Huestis.
- 6-8pm: Mike Brennan and Mike McCarty.

#### Dalhgren Shelter Holdings Apartments on On-Site Recreation Area

The Parks Commission reviewed the preliminary site plan for the apartment development on the Dalhgren property being proposed by Shelter Holdings. Parks Commission recommendations include:

- Clarify on the plans what the internal sidewalks will be on the internal roads, as it is not clear if they are actual sidewalks, or just intended to have a different color or surface material and be within the roadway area.
- Provide additional pathway connections into the central recreation space from the north, east and west.
- Provide more meander to the pathways for a more appealing, informal appearance.
- Ensure that the landscaping provides sufficient visibility to pedestrians at the junction of the Snoqualmie Valley Trail and internal pathways, and where the internal pathways intersect with the public sidewalk (no tall landscaping at these corners which could block visibility).
- Suggest adding swings for play equipment within the recreational area.
- (Not a park issue, but Parks Commission recommends that the speed limit on North Bend Way be reduced in the vicinity of this development and the Dahlgren Family Park for public safety.)

The proposal will be brought back to the Parks Commission at a future meeting together with a staff report evaluating the project against the recreation space criteria in NBMC 17.25.

#### **Park Name for New Park on Ribary Way**

Minna Rudd briefed the Parks Commission on the naming process for the new park acquired at the Tennant property on Ribary Way south of I-90, the limitations on the names that came out of that process, and the recommendation of the Si View Parks District Board of Commissioners to name the park "Unity Park", recognizing the collaborative approach to acquiring the property between the City, the Si View Metropolitan Park District, and King County. The Parks Commission concurred with this name. Mark Correia provided a motion, seconded by Eric Thompson, to recommend to the City Council or other body deciding the name that the park be named "Unity Park."

#### **EJ Roberts Playground Equipment**

Mike McCarty informed the Parks Commissioners that the primary playground structure at EJ Roberts Park has been removed after it was found, during inspection, to have deteriorated to a point that it is no longer safe to maintain for public use. Mike stated that he would solicit proposals for play equipment from suppliers to bring to the next Parks Commission meeting for discussion on direction for replacement.

#### **Upcoming Parks Town Hall Meeting**

Mike McCarty informed the Parks Commission that the City will be holding a Town Hall meeting on funding for park and trail acquisition, development and maintenance on July 18, 5:30pm at City Hall, to determine whether citizens would support a bond measure for this purpose. Mike asked the Parks Commissioners to attend if they are available.

**Next Meeting** - The next meeting of the Parks Commission is scheduled for Wednesday, July 26, 2017

  
 Judy Bilanko, Parks Commission Chair

  
 Mike McCarty, Senior Planner

*Minutes prepared by Mike McCarty*