

Minutes of the North Bend Parks Commission Meeting of October 27, 2021
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The meeting, held online via Microsoft Teams, was called to order at 6:35 p.m.

Attendance:

- Parks Commissioners in attendance: Minna Rudd, Luke Duvall, Kyle Braun, Brian Duncan, Mark Correira.
- Parks Commissioners absent: Eric Thompson, Tim Talevich. (Deb Landers, Arts Advisory Ex-Officio Member, was also absent).
- Staff in attendance: Senior Planner Mike McCarty

Minutes of the August 25, 2021 Parks Commission Meeting

Corrections were provided by Commissioner Braun concerning the name of the Request for Qualifications he recommended to staff to review for considering preparing a similar request for qualifications for the William H. Taylor Park. Also, attendance was corrected to note that Commissioners Correira and Duncan were present at the meeting. Commissioner Braun made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Commissioner Rudd seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

2021 Parks Maintenance List

Mike McCarty presented Public Works Director Mark Rigos's replies on the 2021 Parks Maintenance list, which notes when the Public Works Department hopes to address items on the list by City Park crews.

Summary of Council Discussion on Park-Related Items for the 2022 Budget

Mike McCarty presented a summary of Council discussion on the park-related decision cards and budget items from the City Council's October 26 Workstudy meeting. Mike noted that the Council workstudy discussion is not yet an approval – that would take place following a public hearing scheduled for November 2, with adoption estimated on December 7. Summaries included:

1. Full time parks maintenance Worker position. Mike noted this one was brought to the City Council separately ahead of the rest of the budget process, and the City Council approved a new Public Works maintenance position, which would include parks, stormwater, and streets.
2. William H. Taylor Park Site Planning. Mike noted that staff added to this decision card also preparing a park design/site plan for Riverfront Park together in the same decision card. The Council recommended approving this decision card, proposing \$250,000 in the 2022 budget for this. If approved in the budget, these plans will be a part of the work program for the Parks Commission next year.
3. Tanner Trail Extension. Mike noted that Councilmember Garcia submitted a decision card to extend the paved Tanner Trail to the Snoqualmie Valley Trail junction. The Council recommended partial funding at \$262,500, which could extend the trail part-way.
4. Park Trail paving repairs. Mike noted that this decision card submitted by the Parks Commission was added by the Mayor to his proposed budget, so will be considered together with the entire budget.

Grant Applications

Mike McCarty reported that he recently submitted an application for \$500,000 from the 2021 King County Parks Capital and Open Space Grant to fund the Meadowbrook Prairie Loop Trail, together with

partners of the City of Snoqualmie, Si View Metropolitan Park District, and the Meadowbrook Farm Preservation Association. Mike noted that this grant would fund a portion of the project, and he would also apply for a Land and Water Conservation Fund grant in 2022 to fund the remainder of the costs.

Mike reported that in November and December, he will be preparing an application for a King County River Corridors grant for a proposal to acquire easements and property along the left bank levy of the South Fork Snoqualmie River, and construct a gravel trail atop the levy. Mike noted that the proposal is dependent on property owners willing to sell either an easement or property, and that he is currently in discussion with property owners about the proposal.

Minna Rudd reported on three park-related grant applications that she recently submitted for the Si View Metropolitan Park District. Those include:

1. \$5 Million request under the King County Aquatics Facilities Grant for a proposed Si View Aquatics Center in North Bend.
2. \$500,000 request under the King County Parks Capital and Open Space Grant (partnering with the Department of Natural Resources) for constructing a bicycle and pedestrian trail from North Bend's Tenant Trailhead Park to Snoqualmie Point Park in Snoqualmie.
3. \$43,000 request under the King County Parks Capital and Open Space Grant for constructing a trail link between the Snoqualmie Valley Trail and the Edgewick neighborhood (southeast of North Bend).

Arbor Day 2021 Event

Mike McCarty reported that the City will be hosting an Arbor Day recognition and tree planting event on October 29, 3pm along the South Fork Snoqualmie River adjacent to the City's wastewater treatment plant and invited Parks Commissioners to attend if they are available.

Bocce Courts at Torguson Park

Minna Rudd reported that the Si View Metropolitan Park District is looking into the possibility of constructing two bocce ball courts at Torguson Park between the skate park and the Red Oak retirement facility. This would be consistent with Si View's 2021 Recreation Program Plan developed to guide program priorities over the next several years. Si View requested and received quotes for the project consisting of two 50' long x 13' wide courts. Si View has \$40,000 set aside for the project, and would need to seek funding for the remainder, with Minna currently seeking grant funds for this.

Motion by Kyle Braun, seconded by Brian Duncan, to support Si View's proposal and provide a letter of recommendation from the Parks Commission to a future grant application for this purpose by the Si View Metropolitan Park District. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:57pm.



Minna Rudd, Chair



Mike McCarty, Senior Planner