

Minutes of the North Bend Parks Commission Meeting of January 26, 2022
Minutes are draft until approved at the following Parks Commission Meeting

The meeting, held on online via Microsoft Teams, was called to order at 6:35 p.m.

Attendance:

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

Minutes of the October 27, 2021 Parks Commission Meeting

Commissioner Correira made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Commissioner Rudd seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

2021 Annual Report and 2022 Work Program

Mike McCarty presented to the 2021 Parks Commission Annual Report and 2022 Work Program for Parks Commission review and recommendation for presentation to the City Council.

For the 2021 summary report, Commissioners requested adding notation about Tim Talevich's efforts through the Adopt-a-Park Program removing the invasive holly trees from EJ Roberts Park, and notation about the October 29, 2021 Arbor Day Event.

For the 2022 Work Program, Commissioners discussed the following revisions to what was provided on the draft provided within the Parks Commission packet for this meeting:

1. Recommendation to add to the work program the development of a community parks and trails priorities survey, which would supplement public feedback information received from the 2021 Si View Community Parks Survey. The City parks and trails survey would focus on development of park and trail facilities (while the Si View survey focused more on recreation programming). The survey could be a non-scientific survey put out via various City media resources, as well as community online forums. Commissioner Correira volunteered to put together some draft survey questions for the Parks Commission to consider at a future meeting.
2. Recommendation to provide a Parks Commission review of the projects on the Parks Capital Facilities Plan and recommendation for use of park impact fee revenue for potential project grant applications and/or decision cards for implementation.
3. Staffing a booth at the Block Party and also some of the Farmer's Markets earlier in the season to provide public outreach about the update to the Parks Element of the Comprehensive Plan.
4. Conducting a Parks tour as with last year, to identify needed maintenance items.
5. Conducting a Parks Commissioners retreat, led by the Parks Commissioners themselves, to do visioning and strategic planning on activities that Parks Commissioners could lead for community outreach and engagement, for activities such as volunteer efforts through the Adopt-a-Park Program.

Commissioners also discussed a desire to have further discussions in the coming year on development of an Urban Forestry Plan to address protection and replacement of street trees, public education and interpretation regarding trees. While not a specific work program action item for 2022, Mike noted this

would be something to continue planning toward. Kyle Braun also suggested adding a question to the survey about the value residents place on planting and maintaining street trees.

Motion by Mark Correia, seconded by Tim Talevich, to approve the 2021 Parks Commission report and 2022 Work Program, as amended at tonight's meeting (reflected in the minutes above). The motion was approved unanimously. Chair Minna Rudd will present the Annual Report and 2022 Work Program to the City Council at the February 1, 2022 Council Meeting.

Grant Applications

Mike McCarty reported that the City is still awaiting response to the 2021 King County Parks Capital and Open Space Grant application to fund a portion of the Meadowbrook Prairie Loop Trail, but that announcements are expected at anytime. Mike also reported that the City just submitted application for a King County River Corridors Grant to fund the design work for a future levy setback and levy trail along the South Fork Snoqualmie River between Bendigo Boulevard S. and W. North Bend Way.

Minna Rudd reported that Si View Parks is also awaiting response on the King County Parks Capital and Open Space Grant application for the Tennant Trailhead Park to Snoqualmie Point Park trail and the Edgewick to Snoqualmie Valley Trail connection, and awaiting response on the King County Aquatics Grant for the proposed Si View Aquatics Center in North Bend.

Memorial Park Bench Donation

Mike McCarty presented a proposed memorial park bench donation request for Tollgate Farm Park by Charles Pierce in memory of his mother.

Motion by Kyle Braun, seconded by Eric Thompson, to recommended approval of the bench, which Mr. Pierce is responsible to install, subject to also installing the bench in a concrete base similar to the other bench bases at the park, to facilitate ease of maintenance. The motion was approved unanimously.

Request to add Pickleball Striping

Mike McCarty presented a request from residents Ryan Harris and Angie Peace (123 E. 5th Street) to stripe for pickleball courts at EJ Roberts Park, noting that the Parks Commission could consider this for use of their annual \$5,000 small park improvement fund. Mr. Harris and Ms. Peace also inquired about installing a movable pickleball net, but the Commissioners discussed that a movable net may be too susceptible to damage. Commissioners were generally favorable to the proposal, but as the Parks Commission used their small park improvement fund for Tennis Court backstops at the park last year, wanted to see if there were other community requests that may come in this year for other park areas, for geographic equity. Otherwise, they suggested that a collective restriping (including adding pickleball striping and restriping basketball courts) could be done with the funds this year. The Parks Commission will reconsider this later this year.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 pm.



Minna Rudd, Chair



Mike McCarty, Senior Planner

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