

Minutes of the North Bend Parks Commission Meeting of June 15, 2022

Minutes are draft until approved at the following Parks Commission Meeting

The meeting, held in person at North Bend City Hall, was called to order at 6:35 p.m.

Attendance:

- Parks Commissioners in attendance: Minna Rudd, Tim Talevich, Kyle Braun, Brian Duncan, Luke Duvall
- Parks Commissioners absent: Eric Thompson, Mark Correia
- Staff in attendance: Senior Planner Mike McCarty

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

Draft 2022 Parks Survey – Feedback prior to posting

Mike McCarty reported that consultant feedback for the survey has not been received yet. The plan is to post the public survey from July 1 to August 1. Discussion focused on making sure listed items on the survey were in the right question. Mike took notes to that effect on his master list. Key topics were where to list the splash pad; whether to move baseball fields to a better category; and the need to add interpretive signing as a recommended project. In response to the question of who should get the press release announcing the survey in addition to the organizations Mike cited, these groups were recommended: Northwest Cricket; North Bend Arts and Industry group; the Downtown Foundation; Snoqualmie Valley Historical Society; the Northwest Railway group; North Bend Pickleball Club; Mt. Si Senior Center; and maybe a disc golf league. It was also suggested a flier could be circulated with a QR code leading to more information. Mike said some results might be available by the July 27 Commission meeting.

Farmer's Market Booths staffing plan

The idea is to have a stand at the Si View Thursday night markets to publicize the survey and answer questions about the city parks programs. This schedule was adopted:

July 21: Minna and Tyler

Sept. 1: Tim and Brian

It was suggested that we look into having a laptop at the table where somebody could complete the survey. Minna added that she could include a notification about the survey in the Si View notice that goes out in early July.

Updated Schedule for Parks Element Review and Public Outreach

Mike reported that the goal for this key update is to get the parks recommendations completed early and on to the Planning Commission, to complete the Parks Element ahead of other Comprehensive Plan elements that will require a lot of staff focus and time in 2023-2024. The schedule for review and input is listed in the agenda.

Initial Parks Element amendments

Mike reported that he has gone through lot of the proposed changes already, those that don't require public input. One major goal for the report overall is the dramatically simplify it. Commission member Talevich offered to take a hard edit when it's ready.

Commission members made numerous recommendations, all noted by Mike in his master document. These ranged from including mention of indigenous history of the planning area to the vision for Meadowbrook Farm. Other important points from the discussion include:

- The population figures used in the plan might change, as new data comes in.
- The public involvement section will depend on what is derived from the survey.
- Level of service standards are critical.
- For the capital facilities list, the question is how projects should be prioritized.

Grant Applications

Mike and Minna gave updates on current grant applications:

- Minna: For the South Fork Landing Park, there's a proposal for phase 1, including playground and trails to get people to explore park and see the amenities. Also, creating a new park entrance and parking lot are in phase 1. The grant that is being sought is competitive.
- Mike: Regarding the Meadowbrook Farm prairie loop trail, the city has been in discussions with the Snoqualmie Tribe, which is interested in the project. The Tribe's goal is to feature and highlight the original prairie habitat, which has great historical significance. Some of the early plans have been adjusted to meet that goal. Signage could tell the story of the prairie.
- Mike: For the WH Taylor and Riverfront Parks, no report on the selection of consultants.

Other/Miscellaneous

Commission member Talevich requested that city crews pressure wash the tennis courts at E.J. Roberts Park, as they're slippery after our wet winter and spring. Also, Mike advised him on pursuing a proposal to privately fund pickleball striping at E.J. Roberts Park tennis courts. A small company interested in doing the project should be registered in the Small Works Roster. Mike also advised that donations to the project would come through an account set up through the city's Finance Director.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Tim Talevich