

Minutes of the North Bend Parks Commission Meeting of September 28, 2022
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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, Eric Thompson, Mark Correira and new member Paige Robbins.
- Parks Commissioners absent: Brian Duncan
- Staff in attendance: Senior Planner Mike McCarty
- Others in attendance: Deborah Landers, Commission Arts advisor, and several community members

Minutes of the June 15, 2022 Parks Commission Meeting

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

William H. Taylor Park and Riverfront Park Site Plan Development

Given that several residents were in attendance to discuss Riverfront Park, the Commission moved this agenda item to the beginning of the meeting. Several residents voiced concern about flooding in the neighborhood adjacent to the Riverfront Park area. Senior Planner Mike McCarty provided an overview of the scope of work by Site Workshop, a consultant the City has retained to lead the development of park plans for William H. Taylor Park and Riverfront Park, following a City Council commitment of funds for this purpose. This will include a site analysis and other research, and public input will be sought. The concerned neighbors were instructed to email McCarty to get on a list to be contacted.

Updated Schedule for Parks Element Review and Public Outreach

The Commission was able to review the responses to the Parks survey, which were included in the agenda. Senior Planner McCarty explained the process to update the Parks Element as part of the city's Comp Plan. With the survey wrapping up Oct. 1, a public workshop will be scheduled on Oct. 26 to review survey results. Park Commission recommendations will then go to the Planning Commission. McCarty laid out the schedule, following steps 4a-g on the agenda. Overall, the response to the survey was very strong.

Initial Parks Element amendments

The Commission went over proposed changes in the Parks and Open Space Element report, reviewing the redline changes. The Commission reviewed the marked-up report and approved requested changes, as noted by Senior Planner McCarty. Many revisions were discussed and noted, including:

- Adjusting levels of service for some facilities (Page 17 of the Parks and Open Space Element)
- Deleting policies 4.1 and 5.2 (Page 26)
- Changing descriptions of projects for Meadowbrook Farm Loop Trail and Tollgate Farm picnic shelter (page 26)
- Deleting the Tanner Road Shoreline Park Restroom proposal (page 28)
- Encouraging a cluster of pickleball courts vs. separate isolated courts (page 28)

Meadowbrook Baqʷab Prairie Loop Trail

Senior Planner McCarty noted the city is unfortunately unlikely to receive funding through a 2022 WWRP Grant application for this project. A possible Plan B would be for Snoqualmie, North Bend and Si View to pursue the project on their own. McCarty noted that he could approach the North Bend City Council regarding committing 2021 and 2022 City share of the King County Park Levy Proceeds and additional park impact fee revenue toward the project, and inquire with Snoqualmie staff to request the same of their Council, and seeking approximately 15,000 from the Si View Parks Commission toward the project. Commission members voiced support for this, saying a lot of time has been devoted to this project and it's worth pursuing.

Commissioner Braun proposed adding the project to the 6-year plan and seeking additional funding support from Council toward the project. Commissioner Thompson seconded. The vote passed unanimously.

Other Grant Applications for Future Park and Trail Projects

Senior Planner McCarty gave updates of the SR-202 pedestrian bridge, with construction anticipated in 2024-25, subject to construction grants. Also, a WWRP state lands grant has been awarded to the Department of Natural Resources for the Tennant trailhead Park to Snoqualmie Point Park trail connection. Construction is planned for 2024.

Under "Other," topics included:

- People are using e-bikes on the pump track. That's a safety hazard. Signs will be posted saying no e-bikes.
- Commission member Robbins asked about lights at the Torguson skate park. Commission member Rudd said similar comments were raised in the survey.
- Commission member Talevich asked about landscaping plans in the newly cleared area between the post office and the roundabout in front of the new development. It is hoped that the new housing there will take care of that area.
- Commission advisor Deborah Landers said a grant hadn't been secured yet for the mural on the tanks at the treatment plant. She is still searching for grant money. Also, the idea of having pavement artwork at the Torguson Park circle will be discussed at a future meeting.

- Senior Planner McCarty distributed a letter from a concerned resident about Riverfront Park.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Tim Talevich