

Minutes of the North Bend Parks Commission Meeting of October 26, 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, Eric Thompson, Mark Correia, Paige Robbins and Brian Duncan
- Staff in attendance: Senior Planner Mike McCarty

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

2022 Small Park Improvement Budget

Senior Planner McCarty explained that this annual amount has been increased to \$10,000 annually, and that there's now available \$15,027, including the carryover from 2021. The focus on these funds should be quicker "buy and build" projects, vs. bigger projects that need deeper planning. The Commission prioritized the projects as: 1) striping the EJ Roberts Park tennis courts for pickleball; 2) purchasing three picnic tables at City Hall; 3) adding bike racks to EJ Roberts Park and 4) doggie waste bag receptacles in various locations. If funds are still available, the City should purchase heavy Adirondack chairs for EJ Roberts Park. Parks Commissioners suggested that waste new waste cans in New Si View Park should be purchased, but from parks maintenance funds and not the Small Park Improvement Budget. Commission member Robbins mentioned Mount Si wood shop students might be able to make the picnic tables.

Final 2022 Parks Survey Results Report

Senior Planner McCarty gave an update to edits and other clean-up steps for the final survey report. The Commission was given the chance for final feedback. It was noted that while the survey was not a scientific survey, the high level of responses do give a good representation of the community's voice on park and trail matters.. The survey results will be posted on the Parks page of the city website. Commission member Rudd commented that residents appreciate knowing that their opinions have been heard.

Parks Element to the Comprehensive Plan

Senior Planner McCarty noted some more minor changes to the Parks Element, including changing levels of service figures related to soccer fields and pickleball courts, and to details related to Torguson Park and EJ Roberts Park. These changes were noted in the Comp Plan.

McCarty also showed amendments made to maps to include the South Fork Landing Park and Dahlgren Family Park, among others.

Parks Element Update Workshop Planning

Senior Planner McCarty outlined plans for this session, which will feature display boards, a slide presentation and opportunities for public comments. The original proposed date of Nov. 16 has a conflict with a Si View Pool public meeting that night, so the workshop is scheduled for Nov. 30.

Arbor Day 2022

Arbor Day is Saturday, Nov. 12. Senior Planner McCarty explained there will be a tree planting of native trees at the intersection of Tanner Road and E. North Bend Way. Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust is coordinating the project, funded by Tanner Electric mitigation payment.

Other Topics

Commission members were reminded about the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner on Thursday, Nov. 3.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Tim Talevich