

Minutes of the North Bend Parks Commission Meeting of August 23, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 6:34pm.

Attendance:

- Parks commissioners in attendance – Minna Rudd, Tim Talevich, Brian Duncan and Kaylie McGhee
- Parks commissioners absent – Mark Correira, Eric Thompson, Kyle Braun
- Staff in attendance – Mike McCarty
- Guests – Site Workshop representatives Sarah Canepa and Vinita Sidhu.

Introductions:

Youth Parks Commissioner Kaylie McGhee was introduced and welcomed to the commission.

Approval of Minutes:

Commissioner Rudd made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 28, 2023 meeting as presented. Commissioner Duncan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Final draft conceptual plans for William H Taylor Park and Riverfront Park:

Site Workshop staff outlined project background and public process used to develop the concept plans. The public input received helped shape the concept plans to reflect the preferences of area residents, businesses and stakeholders.

Commissioner Talevich made a motion to recommend approval of the concept plans for William H Taylor Park and Riverfront Park with the following comments provided by the Commission.

- Consider changing the name of Riverfront Park to Riverfront Natural area to reflect the passive use of the area.
- Consider investment in renovation of the Train Depot building as the central focus point of William H Taylor Park.
- Consider lighting needs on pedestrian pathways along McClellan Street.
- Consider alternative surfacing options along McClellan Street and Ballarat to enhance visitor experience.
- Consider interpretive signage that shares history of William H Taylor, and tribal connection to Mount Si and surrounding lands.

Kaylie McGhee seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Garbage/Recycling cans for downtown area:

Parks commissioners reviewed current locations of trash receptacles in the downtown corridor and options for replacement cans that are compatible with the new service provider Recology.

Commissioner Rudd made a motion to recommend to Council, through a Decision Card for the 2024 budget, the purchase and installation of a total of 18 garbage and 18 recycling receptacles, with black

cans for trash and blue cans with small round front hole for recycling, based on the specs provided in the equipment quote secured by staff on Aug 7, 2023, including the receptacles, anti-graffiti coating, and custom graphics. In addition to replacements for new trash and recycling receptacles at the locations of the existing 10 cans, the Parks Commission recommends placing additional trash and recycling receptacles on public sidewalks at the following locations:

- Second Street northside, midblock between alley and Main near Arete Coffee and Pearl and Stone Winery.
- North Bend Way southside, midblock between Bendigo and Main near Ice Cream Shop.
- North Bend Way southside at intersection with McClellan near Rio Bravo.
- North Bend Way northside, midblock at alley between Bendigo and Main near Volition Brewery.
- North Bend Way northside, near Trail Youth Coffee and Scott's Dairy Freeze.
- North Bend Way northside at Phoenix Plaza, beside the plaza area and walkway to Torguson Park.
- North Bend Way northside, near the entrance to the QFC shopping center and Ignition Cafe.
- Main Avenue South eastside, between Pressed on Main and the Tanner Trail.

Commissioner Talevich seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Arbor Day Celebration Update:

Commissioner Talevich inquired about the status of the Arbor Day and associated “Oaktober” festivities planned for October 7th Arbor Day celebration at EJ Roberts Park. Commissioners will reach out to citizen organizer Terry Pottmeyer and discuss follow up items at the September meeting.

Small Park Improvements Budget Update:

Commissioner Duncan inquired about balance remaining of the 2023 small park improvement budget following the completion of EJ Roberts Park court painting. Staff will follow report status at the September meeting.

Dahlgren Park Update:

Commissioner Rudd inquired about plans to announce construction of the Dahlgren Family Park to the community. Staff will follow up on status at the September meeting.

Next Meeting:

Parks commission will meet on Wednesday September 27, 6:30pm at City Hall.

Adjournment:

Commissioner Talevich made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Duncan seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:22pm.

Minutes prepared by Minna Rudd and Mike McCarty