

Minutes of the North Bend Parks Commission Meeting of Sept. 27, 2023

The meeting, held in person at North Bend City Hall and online via Zoom, was called to order at 6:37 p.m.

Attendance:

- Parks Commissioners in attendance: Minna Rudd (via Zoom), Tim Talevich, Kyle Braun, Brian Duncan and Kaylie McGhee (via Zoom)
- Parks Commissioners absent: Mark Correira, Eric Thompson
- Staff in attendance: Senior Planner Mike McCarty

Minutes of the Aug. 23, 2023 Parks Commission Meeting

Commissioner Talevich made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Commissioner Duncan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Parks Commission review and recommendation: Open space improvements, Ichijo NB-40 Subdivision

Representatives of Core Design and Ichijo USA attended the meeting via Zoom to hear Commission discussion on several recommendations as detailed in the agenda packet. Discussion focused on location of a trail within the development. Commission members requested that it's clear the trail is open to the public and close enough to the public street to be accessible. Commissioner Braun motioned to approve the staff recommendations 1-9 from the September 27 staff report to the Parks Commission, and add an additional recommendation for the development to extend a trail, within a public trail easement along the west edge of the subdivision, extending north from 137th Street to Road A/SE 16th Street, whiere it can cross Road A/SE 16th Street to the trail entry at Tract F. Commissioner Duncan second, and the motion was approved unanimously.

Draft Public Works 6-Year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)

Senior Planner McCarty asked for Commission feedback on park-related items on the draft CIP. Discussion focused on roadway sidewalk improvements along Ballarat Avenue and other pedestrian and bike-related projects. McCarty will forward these comments to Public Works Director Mark Rigos.

Planning for North Bend Arbor Day Recognition, Oct. 7, 2023

The day will feature a community-sponsored “Oaktober” fair at E.J. Roberts Park in the morning coordinated as a private event open to the community by resident Terry Pottmeyer, followed by an official Arbor Day tree planting and official proclamation by Mayor McFarland at 1 p.m. The planting will feature two garry oaks, important in ecology and ethnobotanic history in the area.

Follow-up on Parks Commission discussion of Riverfront Park/Natural Area

Commission members had informally discussed naming a feature within the park after Gardiner Vinnedge. Ideas included a memorial bench, or trail named after Mr. Vinnedge, a respected local resident and historian who recently passed away. The Commission's consensus was to hold off on any commemoration, pending further discussion and talks with the family. Commissioner Braun suggested not naming parks or park features after specific individuals.

Next Meeting

The Commission will meet next on Nov. 15, 2023.

Adjournment

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

Minutes prepared by Tim Talevich