



PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES - DRAFT
Wednesday, September 27, 2017, 5:00 PM
Lacamas Lodge, 227 NE Lake Road

I. CALL TO ORDER

Staff: Jerry Acheson and Susan Newlove

Public: Dawn Adams, Maureen Hursh and Ben Johnson

Present: Vice Chair Steve Lorenz, Eunice Abrahamsen, David Gast, Cassi Marshall,
Sean Vergillo and Chair Randy Curtis

Excused: Juli Bradley

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Approve minutes of meeting held on Wednesday, June 28th, 2017.

 [Parks Commission Minutes for June 28, 2017](#)

A motion was made by Gast, seconded by Abrahamsen, and carried to approve the minutes of the Parks meeting held on June 28th, 2017.

This Action Item was approved.

III. MEETING ITEMS

- A. Crown Park Pool and Master Plan Presentation

Acheson stated that a PAC Committee was formed earlier this year for the Crown Park Pool Study and Audit and he introduced Ben Johnson of Greenworks. Johnson stated that they've been working on the Crown Park project since February 2017. Johnson presented a powerpoint presentation on the project, which was split into two major tasks;(Task #1) a Facilities Assessment and Site Analysis and (Task #2) Conceptual Design. He reviewed the Pool and Park Assessment, which showed that bringing the current pool at Crown Park up to standards would be almost as expensive as replacing the pool. Replacing the pool with a water feature is another option and would be much less expensive than replacing the pool.

An open house, two online surveys and a display at Camas Days were ways that they reached out for public input. The open house had a total of 25 people in attendance, the first online survey had over 1,400 participants and the second online survey had over 500 participants. Johnson stated that the amount of survey participants was very impressive and Curtis appreciated the written comments included in the first survey.

Johnson presented some inspirational trends in the plan; restrooms, a destination playground and an amphitheater. Aside from an aquatics feature, the primary park features that the public would like to see are; 1) restrooms, 2) a playground, 3) flexible open space, 4) park amenities and an 5) amphitheater. Johnson displayed an aerial assessment of option #1 and option #2 of the Crown Park plan. Option #1 includes a pool facility and option #2 includes an interactive water feature instead of a pool. Johnson stated that currently these designs are a concept. Lorenz stated that the pathway throughout the park is 12 feet wide, which makes it easily accessible for vendors. Lorenz also noted that none of the trees will be cut down in the park renovation.

Johnson presented the cost analysis, with the lesser fee being with option #2. In response to Gast, Johnson stated that the water feature in option #2 would be located in the location of the current pool due to the footprint of the facility. A market and operations analysis was done and concluded that the market is ideal to support an outdoor pool at Crown Park but an outdoor pool will not generate enough money to recover operational fees.

The PAC made the following recommendations at PAC Meeting #3 on August 2, 2017: "The PAC recommends pursuing option #2 - which removes the aging pool in Crown Park and replaces it with an interactive water feature - with the caveat that the City continue actively pursuing (as a high priority) to fund and develop a year-round aquatics facility." Curtis stated that it's very clear that they are requesting that the City make a commitment into looking at an indoor pool facility as part of option #2. The overall cost played a big part in this final recommendation made by PAC.

Gast stated that they have a lot of good input, especially with the responses from the first survey. Curtis stated that the missing piece is not knowing yet how to fund this project. Discussion ensued on getting more public input. Hazen stated that when this proposal goes to a City Council meeting, the citizens will have an opportunity to speak on the issue again. They might have an educational session in addition to the Council meeting before a final decision is made.

A motion was made by Gast, seconded by Marshall, and carried to adopt option #2 of the Crown Park Pool Assessment and Master Plan and move forward to City Council.

This Action Item was approved.

B. Committee Updates

Curtis gave Committee updates. He updated the group on the PRGA. He stated that a MPD will require maintaining the quality of parks and recreation that the community has in addition to providing something more that the community does not have now.

Curtis updated the group on the Washougal Committee. He stated that they cannot fund a Community Center at this time and are discussing an MPD, with an aquatic center built separately. Washougal is putting this process on hold and are interested

in what moves forward to Camas City Council on the Crown Park Master Plan. They would like one pool for both communities and need to look into funding options if both cities have an MPD.

IV. PROJECT UPDATES

North Shore of Lacamas Lake - Acheson updated the group on possible funding for approximately 96 acres on the North Shore. The City's project ranked #1 for funding in Clark County.

Goodwin Road Parking lot expansion project - Acheson displayed a powerpoint presentation on an alternate plan.

New play equipment at Louis Bloch Park - Marshall stated that Denis Ryan did a fantastic job on the new playground equipment placed out at Louis Bloch Park.

No smoking policy - Curtis stated that they have made a request to Council to implement a smoking policy, it's not a mandatory ordinance but they can post signage in parks.

V. OTHER ITEMS

Memorial Bench - Acheson stated that a memorial bench has been proposed along Heritage Park Trail. Dawn Adams and Maureen Hursh spoke with Acheson recently and met with a company to propose a bench. City Staff did not approve the original Memorial bench proposal, which was a polished granite bench. Adams agreed that this didn't really fit in with other trail benches and are now proposing a bench with a salt finish. Acheson stated that all memorial benches in place now are similar. Adams suggested a plaque on a bridge or existing bench as an alternative. Discussion ensued on plaque standards. This would be a memorial bench for their father who walked the Heritage Park Trail daily for 17 years. In response to Curtis, Acheson stated that Memorial Bench proposals have always been presented to the Parks Commission. Curtis stated that they need to be aware of what the city standard is. Lorenz stated that engraving can be vandalized much easier than a plaque, a plaque can also be replaced.

November/December meeting - The November/December meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 6th at 5 pm.

Parks Annual Retreat - The annual Parks Retreat will be held on January 10, 2018 at 4 pm.

Park Commissioners Terms - The terms will be up at the end of 2017 for Cassi Marshall, Steve Lorenz and Sean Vergillo.

Ivy League - Marshall stated that the next volunteer Ivy League event will take place on Saturday, October 14th at Fallen Leaf Lake Park from 9 am to noon.

Benches at Heritage Park - Vergillo stated the benches on Heritage Park Trail have been finished and he passed around a photo of them.

Camas Cemetery - Curtis stated that a cemetery cannot be supported by an MPD so they'd have to request their own source of funding. Eunice stated that the arborvitae by the Cemetery office has been cleared and has really cleaned it up.

Oak Park - Gast submitted a repair request for a bench that needs to be replaced. It has sharp edge and is a safety issue.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7 pm. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 25th at 5 pm in Lacamas Lodge.

If you will not be able to attend, please contact Susan Newlove at 834- 5307. Thank you.