



**PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES - DRAFT**  
**Wednesday, October 25, 2017, 5:00 PM**  
**Lacamas Lodge, 227 NE Lake Road**

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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Staff: Jerry Acheson, Pete Capell and Susan Newlove  
City Council Liaison: Melissa Smith

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

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- A. Approve minutes of the Parks Commission meeting held on Wednesday, September 27th, 2017.


 [Parks Commission Minutes for September 27, 2017](#)

A motion was made by Lorenz, seconded by Bradley, and carried to accept the minutes as is with one correction under the topic of Committee Updates.

**This Action Item was approved.**

**III. MEETING ITEMS**

- A. Possible Surplus of Parks Property

 [Map City Property \(1\)](#)  
[Camas Senior Living Concept Plan](#)  
[Camas Senior Living Trail Map](#)  
[Camas Senior Living Pedestrian Connection](#)

Curtis stated that the parcel of land located on NE Everett Street is no longer available for purchase and will remain as open space in public ownership. Pete Capell, City Administrator, stated that the city was approached by Tim Hazen about a project on this parcel of land. Capell explained the concept behind the proposed plan and stated that after a discussion with City Council at a workshop on October 16th and the subsequent article in the Camas-Washougal Post Record on October 19th, numerous emails and Facebook messages were received indicating that our community treasures our open spaces and would not support selling the property.

While the City believes there was merit in having a public discussion about this proposal, City staff have received enough feedback and understand how the

community feels about the project and will immediately stop the consideration process of the proposal. The property will remain as open space in public ownership. Capell stated that Tim Hazen was a great City Council member and has done a lot of good for the community.

Public comments were made by the following individuals on this topic:

Tim Hazen, 1526 NE 6th Avenue

Dorothy Simone, 2828 NE Everett Street

Jarred Jackman, 2025 NE Everett Street

Keith Shaw, 916 NE 42nd Street

Tracy Kasten, 24920 NE 14th Street

Roman Battan, 403 NW Fargo Street

Dara Eastham, 602 NE 3rd Avenue

Randy Printz, 805 Broadway Street in Vancouver

Mark Smith, 3009 NW 29th Avenue

Dave Sarchet, 223 NE 22nd Avenue

Vergillo stated that parks and open space land should be off-limit for future developments and added that people move to Camas to enjoy the greenspace. He stated that the City should look into a crossing lane connecting the Fallen Leaf Lake Park entrance to the Lacamas Creek trail. Gast stated that he attended a great biking clinic event on the parcel of land at Everett Street.

#### B. Committee Update

Gast gave an update on the PRGA Committee. He stated that he has a better understanding of the budget issues the city is currently facing. He added that it's difficult to maintain the parks we currently have so we shouldn't build new parks until we have the resources to maintain them. Curtis stated that the City of Washougal, the Camas School District and the Port of Camas/Washougal are facing similar budget issues. He added that the YMCA has expressed interest in working with the community to help fund a new Community Center.

#### C. Retreat Agenda Discussion

The annual Parks retreat will be held at Lacamas Lodge on Wednesday, January 10th, 2018 at 4 pm. The group agreed to having a Facilitator at the retreat. Curtis recommended that the Parks Commissioners review the work plan that was created at the 2017 retreat prior to attending the 2018 retreat.

### IV. PROJECT UPDATES

#### V. OTHER ITEMS

Urban Trees Committee - Marshall gave an update on the Urban Trees Committee and stated that they've been discussing street tree issues. They also discussed trees in parks and fines associated with people taking down trees without permission.

Wayfinding Committee - Marshall gave an update on the Wayfinding Committee and passed out sample photos of the signs they are planning to create.

Ivy League - The Ivy League had a volunteer event on October 14th at Fallen Leaf Lake Park and 22 people attended. The next volunteer event will be held on Saturday, November 4th from 9 am to 12 pm at Fallen Leaf Lake Park.

Lewis and Clark Greenway Trail Project - A representative from Clark County passed out information on the Conference being held at the Artillery Barracks in Vancouver on Saturday, November 18th at 9:00 am.

## **VI. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 6th at 5:00 pm.

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