



**PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES - DRAFT**  
**Wednesday, February 28, 2018, 5:00 PM**  
**Lacamas Lodge, 227 NE Lake Road**

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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Staff: Jerry Acheson and Susan Newlove

City Council Liaison: Deanna Rusch

Public: Jason Ferrier of Lewallen Architecture

Present: Eunice Abrahamsen, David Gast, Chair Randy Curtis, Steve Lorenz,  
Cassi Marshall, Dareena Stepanyuk and Katy Daane

- II. Approve Minutes of Parks Commission meeting held on Wednesday, January 24th.

 [Parks Commission Minutes for January 24, 2018](#)

A motion was made by Marshall, seconded by Lorenz, and carried to approve the minutes as written.

**This Action Item was approved.**

**III. MEETING ITEMS**

- A. Little League Project Update

Jason Ferrier of Lewallen Architecture presented a revised site plan for a batting cage in Forest Home Park. He stated that the city made a recommendation on location due to stormwater and sewer lines. Camas Little League will be funding this project. This project has already been presented to the Parks Commission and is ADA Compliant.

A motion was made by Gast, seconded by Abrahamsen, and carried to approve the revised site plan at Forest Home Park as presented by Lewallen Architecture.

**This Action Item was approved.**

- B. Community Center Report

Acheson requested feedback on the Camas Community Center report. The Parks Commission members provided a lot of positive feedback on this topic. Acheson stated that City Council wants to know the long-term use of this facility.

Gast stated that the largest line item in the report is \$150K for the parking lot project and he suggested holding off on this item until a later date. Lorenz stated that large room rental spaces like the Ballroom are very beneficial to the community. Curtis stated that the Port property is discussing a convention center but that would serve a different purpose than the Community Center. Marshall stated that the Partners of Camas Parks and Recreation want to keep the Community Center facility and agreed on holding off on the parking lot project. Curtis stated that the consensus of the group is to defer the \$150k for the parking lot to a later date and move forward with the rest of the project now.

A motion was made by Lorenz, seconded by Gast, and carried to continue with the Camas Community Center building improvements but put the parking lot project on hold.

**This Action Item was approved.**

C. Discuss Capital Project List

Acheson reviewed the proposed 2018 Capital Project list. Projects include; Goodwin Trailhead parking options, Coopers View Park sign, Crown Park Master Plan - pool demo and project design, Open Space Resource Assessment including plans for the Ivy League, etc.; Dog Park partnership, Comprehensive Plan update every six years, Green Mountain Park, Mill Ditch Trail - plan to fill in the ditch to make trail with stairs included, Wildlife Acquisition Development, Northshore Acquisition project, NP-1, 11, 17, 18, 19 development, T-3 and T-1 trail development, Ash Creek Park Development, Ostenson Canyon, proposed sport complex, Fallen Leaf Park, Future Community/Aquatics Facility, 3rd Avenue trailhead joint project with water/sewer department, Community Center renovation, Heritage Park entrance, additional Open Space and Park Acquisition, skate park and wayfinding signs.

Acheson requested that the Parks Commission members rank the line items by priority. He added that the list is generated from the Parks Comprehensive Plan. Discussion ensued on the project list and funding options. Curtis stated that impact fees will help fund these projects and fees from an M.P.D. could fund some of the projects on the list. Curtis is optimistic about moving forward with an alternative funding option in the next year.

D. Draft Annual Report

Curtis reviewed the Draft Annual Report that was created from the Parks Retreat. Curtis stated that he was impressed with the amount of items that were accomplished in 2017 by the Parks Commission. Discussion ensued on an M.P.D. and Curtis stated that choosing the appropriate election date is very important for the M.P.D. process.

Curtis reviewed the Parks and Recreation Commission Goals for 2018; Parks Advocate program, Annual Retreat, Community Center project, M.P.D. process,

Mill Site Vision, Building and Funding a New Community/Aquatics Facility, Impact Fee Updates and a joint Camas/Washougal Park Commission meeting. Curtis stated that the Annual Report will be presented to City Council in April.

A motion was made by Marshall, seconded by Lorenz, and carried to approve the Annual Report as written.

**This Action Item was approved.**

E. Updates on Pool Process

Curtis stated that Pete Capell and Mayor Higgins met with the City of Washougal and the Port of Camas/Washougal to collaborate on a joint effort for a new Community/Aquatic Center in the community. Curtis stated that he was impressed with the interest at the Annual Planning Conference toward this project and he is hopeful that more details will be available in the next two months.

Deanna Rusch stated that she wants to give an update on the Camas Parks Commission to City Council when Acheson presents the Department levels of service at a City Council Meeting.

**IV. PROJECT UPDATES**

Skate Park - Acheson stated that a gentleman will be giving a presentation on a fundraiser for redesign of the Skate Park. He is expected to attend the March Parks Commission meeting.

**V. OTHER ITEMS**

Coopers View Park - A clean-up will happen at Coopers View Park on March 3rd at 9 am.

Ivy League - Marshall stated that the next Ivy League event will take place at Fallen Leaf Lake Park on Saturday, March 17th at 9 am.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 28th at 5 pm.

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