



**PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES - DRAFT**  
**Wednesday, January 23, 2019, 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

Present: Eunice Abrahamsen, Cassi Marshall, Katy Daane, Dareena Stepanyuk  
and Randy Curtis

Absent: Steve Lorenz

**II. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- A. Approve the Minutes of the Parks Commission meeting held on Wednesday, December 12th, 2018.

 [Parks Commission Minutes for December 2018](#)

A motion was made by Marshall, seconded by Daane, and carried to approve the Parks Commission minutes of December 12, 2018 as written.

**This Minutes was approved.**

**IV. MEETING ITEMS**

- A. Debriefing on the MPD roundtable meeting (next steps)

 [Update/Debrief on roundtable meeting](#)

Curtis spoke about the roundtable meeting held on Thursday, January 10th. They expected 35 people to attend but almost 50 people attended exceeding their expectations. Marshall stated that at her table, people were in support of the idea of helping to fund parks but wanted more information on what's included with the additional tax. They expressed concern about the current high taxes but were excited about the project list.

Daane stated that the people at her table were very apprehensive, and were concerned about the financials presented to them. They would potentially move forward with the additional tax if they could get more details on funding. Curtis agreed that the specifics of funding were deficient at the meeting and this was a common concern all around the room.

Curtis stated that they received a lot of good feedback from this forum and it was a good learning experience. Acheson stated that he was impressed with the group of attendees and the questions asked. Acheson stated that opinions on projects will help formulate what to ask for in an MPD. Curtis stated that the MPD process is complicated and can be difficult for some people to absorb, he would like to have another meeting with the same group of people after a summary of the first meeting gets disbursed. Discussion ensued on the specifics of MPD funding.

**B. Update on Council's final Parks and Recreation budget action**

Acheson stated that the budget for 2019-2020 was passed by City Council. In response to Daane about the Community Center, Acheson stated that the project is in the Capital Plan. Curtis was pleased with the two new positions approved for the Parks Department. In response to Curtis, Acheson stated that the city started collecting park impact fees in January.

Rusch spoke about the level of service presentations and how that impacted the budget. She stated that every department received some of their budget requests presented and added that the level of service discussions did bring a lot of issues to the surface. Several departments hadn't had an increase in staffing in years.

**C. Retreat Agenda and Process Discussion**

The annual Parks Commission retreat will be held on Wednesday, February 13th at 4 pm. The retreat follows the same format each year and helps to develop a work plan for the upcoming year. Acheson stated that he would like to spend more time on project planning at this years retreat. Rusch stated that the new Parks Commission member will be appointed by the time of the retreat.

**V. PROJECT UPDATES**

**A. Joint Community Center Committee Update**

Curtis stated that there have been no meetings held for the Joint Community Center Committee for 3 months. The next meeting will be held next week. Curtis will be facilitating a conference call between the City Administrators of Washougal and Camas and the Salem YMCA regarding a new building project in process.

**VI. OTHER ITEMS**

**A. Monthly update - Partners with Camas Parks and Recreation**

Marshall and Daane updated the group. Tammy Connolly is helping with an upcoming fundraiser, the Family Valentine Dance to be held on Saturday, February 2. They are helping to fundraise for the skate park project and are in contact with Tanya Wright, who will also help with the fundraiser. They are meeting with individuals regarding the adult fitness park concept. The Ivy League

will start back up in March.

Pool Demolition update - The City received six bids and a bid will be awarded on February 4th for the pool demolition. A date for the demo has not been set yet. An event will be held on February 9, 2019 from 2 to 4 pm to honor the pools history. It will be held at Scout Hall in Crown Park and all are welcome to attend. Old photos of the pool will be on display in addition to the Crown Park Master Plan.

Planning Retreat Presentation for Parks and Recreation - Acheson reviewed his presentation for the 2019 City's Planning Retreat to be held on January 25th and 26th. His presentation will review the following projects; Fallen Leaf Lake Park, Skate Park, Heritage Park, Dog Park, Camas Community Center, Pitts Property, Crown Park Master Plan, the MPD and five trail projects. Acquisitions in the presentation include; Legacy Lands Projects, Bowling Alley Site and the Camas Business Center. The presentation also includes planning options for these future projects.

"Nan's Way" Street dedication - Abrahamsen stated that Nan Henriksen will be having a street dedicated to her on Thursday, January 24th at 5:15 pm.

## **VII. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 6:35 pm. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 27th at 5 pm.