



PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES - DRAFT
Wednesday, June 28, 2017, 5:00 PM
Lacamas Lodge, 227 NE Lake Road

I. CALL TO ORDER

Staff: Jerry Acheson, Stephanie Hite, Cathy Huber-Nickerson and Susan Newlove

Absent: Tim Hazen

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 Parks Commission meeting held on Wednesday, May 24th, 2017.

 [Parks Commission Minutes for May 24, 2017](#)

A motion was made by Lorenz, seconded by Marshall, and approved to accept the minutes of the meeting held on May 24, 2017.

This Action Item was approved.

III. MEETING ITEMS

- A. Cemetery Data System, presentation

Curtis introduced Finance Director, Cathy Huber Nickerson. Huber stated that the Finance Department has new software for the Camas Cemetery that allows people to search online for available plots. The software also allows people to search genealogy.

Stephanie Hite stated that the link is located on the Finance Departments webpage, they welcome any additional information to be added to this new website. Hite did a demonstration of the site and displayed the cemetery map; the red, purple and yellow plots each have different meanings, the white plots are the ones that are still available. In response to Curtis, Hite stated that she will look into easier search options for access to this information on the City's website.

B. Pool Manager Report, Seth Albert

Curtis introduced the Camas Pool Manager, Seth Albert. Albert stated that the pool season runs from June 26 to August 26, the first day of swim lessons started on June 27th. Swim lessons are very popular and in response to Gast, Albert stated that each class has 8 to 10 kids. Gast stated that swim lessons are a service in demand and Albert agreed. In response to Lorenz, Albert stated that the lessons are open to everyone, not just Camas residents. Albert distributed the weekly pool schedules and stated that they added an additional swim time this year on Monday and Friday from 6 pm to 7:30 pm.

In response to Acheson, Albert stated that they haven't had any mechanical issues so far at the pool. The only staff training left to complete this season is for Water Safety Instructors in July. In response to Curtis, Albert stated that he's been able to easily staff enough lifeguards but finding enough Water Safety Instructors is more challenging.

C. Heritage Park (Parking/Dock)

Acheson stated that launching boats at the Heritage Park boat launch has caused several issues lately. He displayed a photo of the boat launch from that previous weekend and issues were visible in the photo. Acheson stated that the City is planning to staff a monitor on weekends at this location during the summer months only. In response to Vergillo, Acheson stated that there's a sign posted that states "no swimming" at the boat launch. Discussion ensued on swimming areas and water access to the lake.


Acheson displayed a photo of the parking lot located at Heritage Park next to the boat launch. Several of the spaces are designed for boat slips and the city is proposing to convert ten of the spaces into twenty parking spaces to help alleviate parking issues. Seventeen spots will be designated boat parking only.

Discussion ensued on preventing issues at the boat launch. For the Lacamas Lake Lodge parking lot, staff will be putting the "Event Parking Only" sign out on Friday night before they leave for the weekend. In response to Bradley, Acheson stated that the lake is patrolled by Clark County Marine Patrol and the ownership is under the Department of Natural Resources. Acheson stated that he will discuss this issue of removing the rope swing with the City Attorney.

D. North Shore Conservation Plan

Acheson presented the acquisition plan for the north shore of Lacamas Lake. He displayed photos of potential property. The space is approximately 70 acres. Acheson met with Columbia Landtrust and the Conservation Fund, a national organization. Both organizations are interested in this project. Discussions with Clark County has begun regarding the potential funding from Clark County Conservation Futures Program.

E. Crown Park Survey

 [Crown Park Survey Results](#)
[Crown Park Survey Comments](#)

Acheson stated that 1400 people completed the online survey for the Crown Park Study. The Crown Park Advisory Committee met recently and were presented with different layout options for the park. Option #1 includes; a leisure pool, removal of the tennis courts, additional sports courts, additional parking, a restroom facility, relocation of all playground equipment and an amphitheater. Option #2 includes; a spray/splash pad, an amphitheater, a restroom facility, a play area, a shelter, an open area for farmers markets. There will be no tree removal in Crown Park.

Acheson stated that option #2 is the lesser expensive option and Curtis stated that they will present both options at Camas Days for feedback. The first option replaces the existing pool with the leisure pool, there was overwhelming support from the survey to have a pool in Camas. In response to Gast, Acheson stated that the life of the existing pool will dictate moving forward with this project and implementing it.

F. Urban Trees

Marshall gave an update on the Urban Trees Committee. She stated that citizens are taking down trees on city land and the Committee is trying to determine appropriate fines for this. An option is to make the fine relative to the value of the tree. Marshall welcomed input from the Parks Commission on this issue. Lorenz stated that the City of Vancouver has rules in place regarding tree removal. Marshall inquired about buffers within new developments.

G. Wayfinding

Marshall stated that she's on the Wayfinding Committee and discussed a new play structure and signage.

H. Washougal River Greenway Trail Parking Lot

Acheson displayed a photo of Fisherman's parking lot at Washougal River Greenway Trail. He stated that there is a light pole there for visibility and the Public Works Department will apply dust control in the parking lot. He stated that installing a gate isn't an option and he reviewed options for relocating the parking lot. Curtis suggested to configure the existing parking lot by moving boulders and the Parks Commission agreed with this idea.

IV. PROJECT UPDATES

No smoking policy - Acheson stated that City Administration wants more clarity on implementing the "No Smoking" rule in parks and confirmed details on implementing this rule in City parks. Clark County had schools design their "No Smoking" signs and he feels it's a great educational tool. Acheson stated that it will be a process they have to go through to implement this. The group agreed to "No smoking" as opposed to "No tobacco".

V. OTHER ITEMS

Camas Cemetery - Abrahamsen stated that the Memorial Day event was very successful and they had 14 volunteers, they received several monetary donations too. She stated that 847 Veterans flags were replaced.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7 pm. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 26th at 5 pm in Lacamas Lodge.

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