



PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES - DRAFT
Wednesday, December 6, 2017, 5:00 PM
Lacamas Lodge, 227 NE Lake Road

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Staff: Jerry Acheson and Susan Newlove

City Council Liaison: Melissa Smith

Public: Katy Daane and Pat Hunt

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

Excused: David Gast and Cassi Marshall

- A. Approve Minutes of the Parks Commission meeting held on Wednesday, October 25th, 2017

 [Parks Commission Minutes for October 25, 2017](#)

A motion was made by Bradley, seconded by Lorenz, and carried to accept the minutes of October 25, 2017 as written with one name change in the first paragraph.

This Action Item was approved.

III. MEETING ITEMS

- A. 2017 Pool Report

 [2017 Year End Report Pool Report](#)

Acheson reviewed the 2017 Seasonal Pool Report, which summarized attendance, the schedule, staffing, swim lessons and classes, community programs, physical operations and year-end figures. Acheson stated that they had a 9-week season, they did lose revenue, the pool had good attendance but they had less sponsorships than usual. Acheson added that it's getting more and more difficult to find qualified Water Safety Instructors and Lifeguards.

In response to Katy Daane's question about extending the pool season to September, Acheson stated that they will continue to lose more revenue the longer they extend the pool season and attendance will drop dramatically in September because school is in session.

B. Camas Pool Discussion

Curtis discussed the recommendation that went to City Council on November 20th. They recommended Option #2 of the Crown Park Master Plan Study which would eliminate the pool at Crown Park and include a splash pad as the water feature. Curtis stated that he's surprised that there hasn't been much public feedback recently, especially since they received extensive feedback earlier this year regarding the same study. Curtis stated that possibly the results of the pool health inspection report may have swayed peoples decision. Curtis stated that Acheson is seeking guidance for the pool. Curtis stated that the caveat they agreed to is that if the pool is going to close, they need to look into a replacement for the pool.

Acheson stated that at the Retreat, they can further discuss this Crown Park plan. He handed out a review of three options and the fees associated with each option: Option #1 includes a Splash Pad, Restroom and Playground; Option #2 includes a Splash Pad and Crown Park Improvements; Option #3 includes a Swimming Pool and Crown Park Improvements.

Curtis feels that to demo the pool without a future plan in place is wrong. Curtis suggested an open house and public forum about Option #2 and Vergillo stated that it's a good idea, since the possible closure of the pool wasn't known at the last public forum. Discussion ensued on local swim facilities. In response to Pat Hunt, Acheson stated that they can put something else in place of the location of the pool. Acheson needs direction soon on what do do with the pool. Smith stated that the public might need to visually see the pool closed before they take action.

C. NW Brady Road Improvements

 [NW Brady Road Improvements](#)

Acheson stated that the City will be making improvements to 16th and Brady near Prune Hill Sports Park. Permanent impacts to the Park affect 0.036-acres (1,581 SF). The proposed improvements include a traffic signal, signal controllers, and sidewalks. The space is currently used for street related and private utility boxes. In the future, the intention will be to place a signal pole and related controllers and pedestrian push buttons in this same space. Parks Commission discussed the minimal impacts the proposal would have on the park.

A motion was approved by Lorenz, seconded by Bradley, and carried to move forward with the NW Brady Road improvements project as proposed.

This Action Item was approved.

D. VEGA Proposal

 [VEGA Proposal](#)

Acheson stated that Vega Gym submitted a letter of request to the City of Camas to consider a lease agreement on a small piece of property for additional parking and a pocket park. A map of the parcel of land and property information were submitted to the Parks Commission. The parcel of land is mapped as a park. Vega Gym is willing to budget for a play structure and provide year-round maintenance for the pocket park area. The City is not selling the property to Vega Gym.

A motion was made by Lorenz, seconded by Bradley, and carried to accept the plan presented by Vega Gym for lease of the land owned by the City of Camas to accommodate for additional parking.

This Action Item was approved.

E. Sweetwater/SUP Agreement

 [Sweetwater Watersports and Recreational Rentals Concession at Heritage Park Proposal 2018-19](#)

Acheson stated that Sweetwater SUP Rentals submitted a proposal to renew a 2-year contract for 2018-2019 at Heritage Park. They are proposing to pay the city a monthly fee for use of the space. Acheson stated that Heritage Park is popular and has issues with parking and congestion. The owner of Sweetwater looked into alternate locations for launching but a lot is entailed in this project. Discussion ensued on boat launches in Lacamas Lake. In response to Vergillo regarding the shipping container, Curtis stated that it needs to be temporary and options are limited. Curtis stated that Sweetwater employees are constantly promoting water safety.

A motion was made by Vergillo, seconded by Lorenz, and carried to approve the 2-year contract submitted by Sweetwater SUP Rentals for 2018-2019.

This Action Item was approved.

IV. PROJECT UPDATES

Memorial Bench - Acheson presented the proposal for a Memorial Bench made of Basalt Rock for Don Larson.

Lewis and Clark Greenway Trail Project - Acheson and Marshall attended this conference and distributed a letter of support from Clark County regarding the project. Vergillo stated that he supports this concept but would like more details on the project.

Smoking and Tobacco use within City parks - Acheson stated that City Council passed a resolution for the prohibition of smoking and tobacco use within City Parks.

MPD - Curtis updated the group on the Financing committee. He stated that the

next big step is to make a recommendation for an MPD to the Parks Commission and to City Council. Vergillo suggested that the public be thoroughly informed on what this additional tax would cover.

V. OTHER ITEMS

Juli Bradley and Sean Vergillo - Acheson thanked Juli Bradley and Sean Vergillo for their volunteer service on the Camas Parks Commission.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 24th at 5 pm in Lacamas Lodge.

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