



PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES - DRAFT
Wednesday, December 12, 2018, 5:00 PM
Lacamas Lodge, 227 NE Lake Road

I. CALL TO ORDER

Staff: Jerry Acheson, Susan Newlove and Denis Ryan

City Council Liaison: Melissa Smith

Public: Jarred Jackman, Shawn Ramirez, Dylan Ryan and Adam Stadtlender

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

Excused: Steve Lorenz

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

This was approved.

- A. Approve the Parks Commission Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, October 24th, 2018.

 [October 2018 Parks Commission Minutes](#)

A motion was made by Marshall, seconded by Abrahamsen, and carried to approve the Parks Commission minutes of October 24th, 2018 as written.

IV. MEETING ITEMS

- A. Jarred Jackman - Fitness Equipment in Parks

Jarred Jackman and Adam Stadtlender presented a proposal for implementation of Fitness Parks in Camas. Jackman presented a design that was from the City of Port Angeles, Washington. The design included a variety of fitness options with their equipment. In response to Curtis, Jackman stated that this would be manufactured equipment and the concept has multiple benefits; it's free to the public, maintenance and upkeep is minimal, it's available at all times and it's ideal for people who don't like gyms.

Multi-generational people will be drawn to this equipment in a town where most parks are geared towards younger people. No parks in Camas currently have this type of equipment. The estimated fee for this equipment is between \$10,000

to \$12,000. Jackman stated that the goal for tonight's presentation is to plant the seed to see if there's interest in moving forward with this idea. They would like to see this equipment placed at 2 parks to start with, Crown Park and Klickitat Park.

Marshall stated that the Partners of Camas Parks and Recreation have been researching ideas for multi-generational use options in Camas parks and she stated that the group would be interested in working with Jackman on this project.

Curtis stated that the fitness park concept never came up in the Crown Park Master Plan discussions but the plan is still in process. Curtis added that strong public support is important to help with financing projects like this.

B. Dylan Ryan - Senior Project Proposal

Dylan Ryan is a Senior at Camas High School and would like to build a life jacket loaner station at Heritage Park as his Senior project. Dylan Ryan stated that a life jacket station would help save lives and this station has already been approved by the Clark County Marine Patrol. Dylan Ryan presented his project design and his proposed location, which is to the right of the boat launch. The City of Camas has already approved this proposed location and have received 20 life jacket donations.

Denis Ryan stated that the City of Camas would be the sponsoring agency of this project and they would get life jacket donations from other agencies. In response to Marshall, Denis Ryan stated that the City would help maintain the loaner station and the Marine Patrol can help monitor it. In response to Daane, Denis Ryan stated that the loaner station will be available to patrons whenever the boat launch is open to the public. In response to Curtis, Dylan Ryan stated that he would like to have this project completed by Spring 2019. Discussion ensued on the location of the station.

A motion was made by Marshall, seconded by Stepanyuk, and carried to approve Dylan Ryan's Senior Project proposal as presented with staff discretion on the location of the Life Jacket Loaner Station at Heritage Park.

C. Partners With Camas Parks and Recreation Discussion

The Partners with Camas Parks and Recreation would like to have a standing agenda item at all Parks Commission meetings to provide monthly updates. This would help to provide more collaboration between them and the Parks Commission. Curtis added that it would also provide more exposure to the public for the group.

D. Skate Park Design

 [Camas Skate Park Attachment](#)

Acheson stated that the Skate Park design went through the City's

pre-application process in November and is on an existing footprint. The engineers financial estimate was \$250,000. Acheson met with Tim Laidlaw and they are seeking a positive approach to this project to help move it forward.

E. Parks and Recreation Commission's Retreat Date Selection

The annual Parks Commission Retreat will be held in February 2019. A date was selected and will need to be confirmed with the meeting Facilitator.

V. PROJECT UPDATES

A. Joint Community Center Committee

Melissa Smith gave an update on the December 2018 Joint Community Center meeting. She stated that after reviewing a cost analysis they have decided to table the topic of a new Community Center for right now. Three financial options were presented at the meeting and Smith reviewed them all in detail. Most of the funding from an MPD would go entirely to the new Community Center, which wouldn't allow for funding to help maintain the City's current parks.

Crown Park Master Plan - The Master Plan has been updated and is posted on the City's website. Acheson did a presentation to City Council and will be presenting more details about the plan to City Council at a future date. Acheson distributed a historical report of Crown Park.

Pool Demolition - This project went out to bid and closes on January 9th. 2019. The City will hold an open house.

Legacy Lands Project - Acheson gave an update on the land acquisitions. The Georgia Pacific property acquisition is expected to close by the beginning of January.

MPD Forum - An event will be held on January 10th at Lacamas Lodge from 6 pm to 8 pm.

VI. OTHER ITEMS

Increased Homeless Issues in City Parks - Denis Ryan stated that they are having issues with homeless populations in some of the parks. People are tampering with restroom locks at Goot Park and Louis Block Park. Ryan would like to start locking the restroom doors at both parks at night during the week to help alleviate the issues. Curtis recommended that Ryan provide an update about this in the Spring of 2019.

Overnight Camping Ordinance for parks - In response to Stepanyuk regarding the Camas Skate Park, Acheson stated that an ordinance is in place that does not allow for overnight camping in city parks. The Camas Police are actively enforcing this ordinance and want to be contacted if people observe overnight camping in city parks.

Friends of the Camas Cemetery - Abrahamsen stated that John Henriksen made a generous donation of \$100 to the Friends of the Camas Cemetery. She is seeking ideas for use of the donations they've received.

Bike trail proposal - Acheson will meet with Sean Vergillo about the proposed bike trail. This location is part of the Mill property donation.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The Parks Commission meeting adjourned at 6:35 pm. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 23rd, 2019 at 5 pm in Lacamas Lodge.