



PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES - DRAFT
Wednesday, February 27, 2019, 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: Vicki Kerr

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

Excused: Steve Lorenz

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Approve Minutes of Parks Commission Meeting held on January 23, 2019.

 [Parks Commission Minutes for January 2019](#)

A motion was made by Marshall, seconded by Stepanyuk, and approved to accept the minutes of January 23, 2019 as written.

This Minutes was approved.

IV. MEETING ITEMS

- A. Election of Officers

A motion was made by Marshall, seconded by Abrahamsen, and carried to elect Randy Curtis as the Chair and Steve Lorenz as the Vice Chair of the Parks Commission for 2019.

This Action Item was approved.

- B. Forest Home Playground Improvement and Upgrades

Operations Supervisor, Denis Ryan, distributed a photo of the new playground equipment that is proposed for placement at Forest Home Park. Some of the current playground equipment throughout Camas Parks does not meet current safety standards and this year, the city would like to do improvements at Forest Home Park. They would like to remove the current swing set and replace it with a new swing set that includes four belt swings. They hope to add a ten-spin and a

sit-and-spin in the park. Ryan stated that they are also adding an ADA ramp and wood chips in the same location.

In response to Daane's concern about removing the merry-go-round, Ryan stated that the ten-spin is a good replacement for this. Daane is excited to see improvements made at the park but questioned the consideration of older users at the park. Ryan identified ways to incorporate different equipment for a variety of users and stated that it's important to keep the equipment current and safe. Bidding for this equipment will take place in the next couple of weeks.

In response to Curtis, Ryan stated that their department is currently recruiting for a Lead Parks Maintenance Worker and a Maintenance Worker 1.

Ryan stated that they placed a new sign at Heritage Park.

C. 3rd Avenue Trailhead Draft Layout

Acheson stated that this project is currently going through the permitting process. The Parks Commission members will be involved in the Design Review on this project as well as the Baz Park pump station project.

Acheson stated that they are permitting the parking lot and restrooms although funds are not currently available to construct at this time. The pump station will be constructed first. In response to Daane regarding the additional access for connectivity and safer public access, Acheson stated that they couldn't incorporate that addition into this project but he added that the entrance will be much safer for cars to get in and out of once the project is completed.

D. Skate Park Public Art Request

Acheson asked the Parks Commission if they want to allow the painting of murals at Camas Skate Park adding that there's currently no policy for this. Curtis discussed the issues entailed with not having a policy and Dewey expressed concerned about maintenance becoming an issue. Marshall spoke about having murals that are not appreciated by the entire community and Denis Ryan is concerned about graffiti.

Curtis stated that the consensus is that they do not want to move forward with this unless there's a policy in place. Smith recommended that if a policy is created, that it be reviewed by City Council.

E. Draft 2019 Work Plan

Curtis reviewed the 2019 Work Plan Draft. He reviewed each project individually and some additions and corrections were made during the meeting.

Curtis asked the members how they feel about having the annual retreat and the response was positive. Daane stated that she likes having the retreat and

Marshall stated that she agrees with Daane and added that having Ryan Mottau facilitate the retreat is always very helpful and valuable. Abrahamsen would like to have the tables closer together. Stepanyuk stated that the retreat is helpful and they could've spent even more time on the Crown Park Master Plan.

F. PRGA Update

Curtis stated that they will be having another round table meeting regarding the MPD. The next step is to come up with a proposal to present to the public for projects with costs associated with them. After that, they will prepare a report to present to the Parks Commission and then to City Council. The goal is to have the final report presented to City Council by mid to late summer.

V. PROJECT UPDATES

A. Joint Community Center Committee Update

Curtis stated that they are evaluating site options, they have three sites to choose from. The goal is to determine feasibility for partnerships, develop programing options, evaluate cost projections, develop a recommended funding model and prepare recommendations to City Council. The next meeting will be held on March 6.

VI. OTHER ITEMS

A. Monthly Update - Partners With Camas Parks and Recreation

Marshall stated that Ivy League kicks off it's first volunteer party on March 23rd this year at Fallen Leaf Lake Park. They would like to work on Benton Park, Mill Ditch, Lacamas Creek, the Greenway trail and Fallen Leaf softball field this year. Stepanyuk suggested having one of the volunteer work party's on a day other than Saturday. They would like to expand on permanent eradication and will work with the city on this.

Vicki Kerr stated that Tim Laidlaw would like to partner with them on a fundraiser for the Skate Park and they are trying to do their own fundraiser too. Daane is working with Denis Ryan on adult fitness park equipment, they are reviewing costs for this project and potential sites.

Little League - the League wants to do park improvements and Curtis recommended that they focus on Forest Home Park. In response to Daane, Curtis stated that the batting cage project still hasn't been completed. Dewey stated that he spoke with someone from the League that has funds to contribute towards maintenance.

Skate Park - Acheson stated that they are presenting a Skate Park update to City Council on March 18th.

Annual Report - Acheson stated that they are tentatively scheduled to present the

Parks Commission annual report to City Council at the workshop on April 15th at 4:30 pm.

Open House for Lake Road/Everett Street Improvements - Acheson stated that some park property will be a part of this project and added that the city is doing great public outreach on this project.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 27th at 5 pm.