



**PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES - DRAFT**  
**Wednesday, May 22, 2019, 5:00 PM**  
**Lacamas Lodge, 227 NE Lake Road**

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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Staff: Jerry Acheson, Jim Hodges, Lauren Hollenback, Susan Newlove and Madeline Sutherland

City Council Liaison: Deanna Rusch

Public: Andrew Holder, Nick Kralj, Vicki Kerr, Tim Shell

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

**II. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Crown Park Recommendation- Vicki Kerr recommended that the City put larger signs at Crown Park stating "no dogs allowed".

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- A. Approve Minutes of Parks Commission meeting held on April 24, 2019

 [April Parks Commission Minutes](#)

A motion was made by Lorenz, seconded by Abrahamsen, and approved to accept the Parks Commission minutes of the meeting held on April 24, 2019 as written.

**This Minutes was approved.**

**IV. MEETING ITEMS**

- A. Camas Little League Turf Fields Proposal for 2020

 [CLL Turf Fields Proposal 2020](#)

Randy Curtis introduced Nick Kralj, the Vice President of Camas Little League. Kralj submitted a proposal for new turf fields. Kralj stated that the biggest challenges the leagues face today are finding enough field time and field space. The league would like to potentially partner with the city to create more field space and/or improve the existing fields. Kralj stated that the prime objective and importance of this project is the citizens of Camas.

Kralj reviewed key attributes of the league; they serve 425 kids in the area from ages 5 to 12 years, all 5 of the all-star teams ended up being state qualifiers, key board positions are non-parents in 2019, cash flow is successful, they have consistent sponsorships, they are looking to solve the issue of field shortages. He spoke about the potential of current field locations; Forest Home, Prune Hill, Goot Park and Fallen Leaf Park.

They have commitments from donors that believe this is a great opportunity. In response to Lorenz regarding turfing fields in Forest Home, Kralj estimated \$100k to \$120k per field and added that new turf would increase usability by 40% to 50%. In response to Lorenz, Kralj stated that this presentation is informational only to see what the goals of the Parks Commission are. Curtis recommended that the Little League follow the process of the upcoming bond measure for the new Aquatic Center since that project should benefit all sides of recreational uses.

B. Design Review for Lacamas Creek Trailhead and Baz Park Pump Station and Associated Park Improvements

 [1\\_Vicinity Map.pdf](#)

[2\\_Narrative.pdf](#)

[3\\_Baz Park Preliminary layout.pdf](#)

[4\\_Lacamas Trailhead Landscape Plan.pdf](#)

[5\\_Applicants Submittal.pdf](#)

[6\\_Design Review Checklist.pdf](#)

[Design Review Attachments](#)

Curtis introduced City of Camas Senior Planner, Lauren Hollenbeck. Hollenbeck stated that a Design review is required for land use projects. The projects in discussion at this meeting have two sites that are within parks and open space zoning. These projects include pump stations located at Lacamas Creek Trailhead and Baz Park. For both sites, standard principles and guidelines will be reviewed.

Curtis stated that there are only a few elements that pertain to parks but this is primarily a public works project. Tim Shell of Wallis Engineering and Andrew Holder of Greenworks are working on this project. Shell began with the Lacamas Creek Trailhead project. He did a presentation overview, a project area overview, displayed locations on the map and stated that the project is a 2-phase project. This project includes the utility pump station project as well as the park improvements to Lacamas Creek trailhead. In response to Curtis regarding the parking lot access closure, Shell stated that it will be closed for at least 21 days during the summer since the project is scheduled for August.

The design review entails materials, a retaining wall, entrance gates, the shed roof structure and fencing. They want to minimize the impact to trees.

The Baz Park station is a smaller pump station. The plans consist of a more residential style roof to be compatible with the neighborhood. In response to Daane regarding park improvements, Hodges stated that nothing is currently in the plan but there's nothing to prevent it from happening. Marshall stated that she'd like to see some improvements to the park and suggested a viewing area with the addition of a bench. Hodges stated that adding a few picnic tables would be a good idea.

Lauren Hollenbeck did a design review with the Parks Commission by reviewing a checklist of questions. When they finished, Marshall added that she'd like to recommend the Baz park improvements; a viewing seating area, a few benches, picnic tables, a bike rack, and invasive removal of the blackberries. Everybody agreed with these park improvements.

## **V. PROJECT UPDATES**

### **A. Joint Community Center Committee Update**

Curtis stated that there is a Joint Community Center Committee meeting on June 5th. The committee will possibly disband after June. Acheson updated the group on the bond measure. He stated that the consultants are doing background research on studies done in the past. They will also do a cost analysis of a sports complex.

Bowling alley parcel - An appraisal of the parcel came in at \$810k for 2 acres. City Council does not want to pursue an acquisition at this time.

Georgia Pacific Property - Georgia Pacific said they are no longer interested in selling the property.

Mill Ditch Trail - Encroachment issues are getting resolved and finalized along the trail. They won't interfere with trail plans.

Legacy Lands Planning - Consultants have been selected. A consultant will look at the Leadbetter house to determine the best use for the property.

Buhman Trees - Denis Ryan notified staff of tree removal from the Buhman property.

Life Jacket Loaner station - This project will be complete after the installation of a roof.

East lake trail - Permits are in place. Termination of the leases will begin on city property and the docks.

## **VI. OTHER ITEMS**

A. Partners With Camas Parks and Recreation Update

Skate Park Fundraiser on June 14th at Grains of Wrath. On Sunday, June 2nd an Ivy pull will be done at the Skate Park. Will take in donations towards the "yes" on the bond measure.

Work Party at the Cemetery- Four people showed up to the work party. Abrahamsen passed around a sign-up sheet for the Memorial Day weekend event.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 26th at 5 pm.