



Park Board Minutes
March 9, 2009

City Hall Council Chambers
The meeting began at 6:03 PM

Park Board Members Present

Darren Proctor-Chairperson
Fred Jacobsen-Vice Chairperson
Carol Ujick
Brian Cebe
Richards Rawlings
Karen Allen Witters

City Representatives Present

Gary Leaf
Jennie Sage
David Wells
Randy McKibbin
Dan Swatman

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

February 9th meeting minutes unanimously approved with two typographical errors corrected.

CORRESPONDENCE:

The Community Services Director Gary Leaf communicated further with Scott Emery regarding his available property. Mr. Emery understands that due to the economy the City does not have the funds for a property purchase at this time, but would like to keep an open dialogue for future negotiations. Fred Jacobsen suggested that the base of this property; where Fennel Creek runs through, would be a great stopping area for the Fennel Creek trail with possible picnic facilities etc. Gary Leaf reiterated that the City has no funds to purchase this property, but the Park Plan could be updated to include a Park in that area of town. He stated that part of this property is considered the Fennel Creek corridor; so this would be a logical acquisition from the stand point of the Fennel Creek Trail and grant monies/Conservation Futures were used to acquire the Simmer Property so this could potentially also be a funding source. Gary concluded by stating that Mr. Emery would like to offer a tour of his property to the Park Board members. Chas Rawlings asked if this property was incorporated in the City, Darren Proctor added that it was his understanding that Cities can look outside of their boundaries if it is in their Growth Management areas.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: None

STAFF REPORTS:

David Wells was asked to share and discuss local events and updates to the 2009 Event Calendar. The newest of the events is the Triathlon that will be advertised by the Bonney Lake Chamber of Commerce to take place on Labor Day Weekend. The Triathlon will start at the Lake Tapps Boat Launch; Olympic distance triathletes will swim 1.5 km (0.93 mi), bike 40 km (24.8 mi) and run 10 km (6.2 mi) the finish line will be at Allen Yorke Park. Please visit the Chamber of Commerce web site at www.bonneylake.com for more details. David proudly stated that he scheduled three out of the top five King 5 Best of Western Washington Bands for the summer; and concluded a reminder to the Park Board that Arbor Day and Parks Appreciation Day will be held at Cedarview Park etc. Chas Rawlings asked about Skyhoundz Disc Dog www.skyhoundz.com coming to town; David stated that due to location they won't be able to join us. David will speak to Dock Dogs www.dockdogs.com about joining us for Bonney Lake Days. Please visit www.ci.bonney-lake.wa.us for updated City event information.

OLD/CONTINUING BUSINESS:

Darren Proctor discussed his ideas regarding plaque standards at the February 2009 meeting and asked the Park Board and City Staff to bring visual aides and other ideas to the March 2009 meeting for further discussion. The Park Board passed around a picture of the current Heritage Plaque, the current bench and indoor plaques. The Park Board wanted to view sizes and to discuss what product type to use. Fred stated that the Historical Markers are 20x30 and made of Stainless Steel, these will be imbedded into Sandstone or concrete. Chas Rawlings would like to see a Tree City USA logo on all Tree Plaques. Fred Jacobsen would like to see a written evaluation on each plaque and stated that he liked the current Heritage Tree plaque made of bronze with the Tree City USA logo. Karen Allen Witters would like to see more meaningful detailed description of the tree type, approximate planting date etc. on the plaques. Brian Cebe would like the Park Board to set a City wide standard using only two plaque sizes and agreeing on how the plaques will be displayed (i.e. place plaques on a post until bolting to rocks for more of an artistic look in the future). The Park Board discussed size of plaques, and how 8inx8in works for the current Historical Tree plaque. The Park Board agreed to set the recommended plaque standard for the Parks Department. Darren Proctor thanked the Park Board for their suggestions and would like the Historical Tree plaque to set the standard with the Tree City USA logo in the upper left hand corner. Fred Jacobsen made motion to have the Historical Tree plaque standard be 8inx8in; Chas Rawlings seconded motion, members voted and motion passed. Darren Proctor asked the Park Board to decide what the plaque standards will be for, i.e. picnic tables, benches, playground equipment etc. should we carry the bronze theme for all plaques? Gary Leaf will call "American Marketing" whom created the Historical Tree plaque to ask if they could create a bronze plaque for our benches, he will report back at the April 13th meeting. Fred Jacobsen made motion to also accept current indoor plaques; Brian seconded motion, members voted and motion passed.

Brian Cebe started the Downtown pocket park discussion by stating that he believes that it is up to the Park Board to make this Downtown Park/Veteran Memorial happen, he would like to see this on the comp plan. Fred Jacobsen stated that the Veteran's Committee was looking at five parcels across the street from the Public Safety Bldg., and he will send that parcel information out to the Park Board this evening.

Gary Leaf asked Randy McKibbin to address what part the Planning Commission plays in updating the Park Plan. Randy stated they are working off of a work plan that the Council recommends and approves. The Park Board would need to get a Council member to sponsor a Downtown park comp plan amendment. Darren Proctor asked the status of the Downtown plan, and how far out is the planning?

Dan Swatman stated that the Downtown map (on Council Chambers wall) is just a concept for the Downtown area; the only building planned in the Downtown area is the Interim Justice Center, and until the City acquires all properties in that area it is very hard to make an official plan. Dan suggested getting all the ideas on the table prior to the official plan being made, and that this official plan will be a very collaborative process with the Police, Civic groups, Historical Society etc. for what the Downtown core will look like. Brian Cebe reiterated how he would like to have a Park and Veteran Memorial in the Downtown area. Brian Cebe made motion for the Park Board to make an addendum to the Park Plan for a pocket park/Veterans Memorial in the Downtown core; Fred Jacobsen seconded motion, members voted and motion passed. Gary Leaf will approach a Council member to sponsor the Downtown park comp plan amendment.

Gary Leaf stated that the Park Board is continuing to review and edit Ordinance 1232, and welcomed the following additional changes and corrections:

Karen Allen Witters suggested editing within 12.12.051 to show the following changes:

12.12.051 Boat launch facilities – Fees established.

The card shall not be transferable to others. Residential ownership must be verified by state license of the watercrafts if applicable, or some other acceptable proof of ownership.

Fred Jacobsen stated that an impartial reader went through the **12.12.055 Fees established** section and stated that we are too cheap. Gary Leaf stated that fees will not be raised at this time due to the economy, and concluded that this is a great point and the fees will be revisited in the future.

Fred Jacobsen would like to add to **12.12.070 Structures and signs**, stating that we should also include Council authorized events such as Bonney Lake Days.

Brian Cebe wanted to confirm that the text had been changed on **12.12.210 Bicycles**, to state the following:

12.12.210 Bicycles.

No person shall ride or drive any bicycle in a reckless and potentially dangerous manner in any city park ~~or motor vehicle over or through any public park or public place except along and upon public roads, streets or other designated areas therein, or operate any vehicle at a speed in excess of the posted speed limit.~~ (Ord. 1232 § 1, 2007; Ord. 454 § 6(20), 1977).

Fred Jacobsen made motion to table Ordinance 1232 for further review until the April 13th meeting. Karen Allen Witters seconded motion, members voted and motion passed.

Darren Proctor asked the Park Board if they had received Valerie Zifka's email that included additional Auburn Water Park information. Valerie was unable to attend the meeting, but emailed the following:

Mr. Bob McGarvey of NW Playground sent the following information regarding the Auburn Water Park. That park covers 2500 square feet (not including exterior walkways); with 25 to 30 play activities, covering 4 distinct areas. The cost was approximately \$225,000.00.

Brian Cebe does not envision Bonney Lake having an extravagant Water Park as Auburn; he would like to see small water features in our parks. Brian discussed the Ponderosa Estate potential and is aware this property has not been annex in to the City. Gary Leaf stated that the Pierce County Regional Park by Cascadia could also be another location. The Park Board discussed cost, park location and size, targeted age group, and the safety of a zero Water Park. Darren Proctor would like to see parks on the South of highway 410. Fred Jacobsen mentioned ample property along Fennel Creek. The Park Board agreed to leave the Water Park discussion open, but to place the topic on future agendas. Darren asked all members and staff to bring all researched information to future meetings.

NEW BUSINESS:

Carol Ujick stated that she had received phone calls regarding the banners that are being placed at the Gateway (Ascent Park). She would like the banners to be moved away from the waterfall, it looks cluttered and takes away from the waterfall. David Wells stated that the only signs allowed at the Gateway are City functions or non-profit organization that the Mayor has approved.

Fred Jacobsen would like to see a sign with service organizations; Kiwanis, Lions etc. Gary Leaf stated that these organizations need to get together to make that happen.

Fred Jacobsen would like to see the Park Board audio, minutes and agenda posted on the web. Gary Leaf will talk with the City Clerk to give the Park Board a time frame.

Gary will also update the Park Board on the YMCA study.

David Wells will join the Park Board to update on Spring and Summer events.

PROPOSED APRIL AGENDA ITEMS:

- A.** Discussion~Plaque standards
- B.** Discussion~Ordinance 1232
- C.** Youth Forum Notes
- D.** Downtown Pocket Park/Veterans Memorial property parcels

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Brian Cebe asked David Wells to discuss our past successes and our upcoming Easter event. David stated that we are having our 4th annual Easter egg hunt on April 11th, 2009. The first Easter egg hunt was at Cedarview with 3,000 eggs, this spring we will have close to 15,000 eggs and it will be held at Allen Yorke Park. David stated that he likes to promote recycling the Easter eggs; this saves the City money and allows the local businesses and citizens to get involved in donating time and candy to fill them. The Bonney Lake High School Jazz Band will be playing prior to the Easter egg hunt; will help set up the event, and play again after the eggs get picked up. David stated that all donations are accepted until Friday the day before the event.

Darren Proctor wanted to thank the Park Board for their ideas, and let them know that he really enjoys the dialogue.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting ended at 7:32pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 13th at 6:00PM.

Jennie Sage

Park Board Secretary