



Community Services Department

Park Board Minutes

October 8, 2012 Regular Scheduled Meeting
City of Bonney Lake Council Chambers

APPROVED

The meeting was called to order at 6:07 P.M.

Park Board Present

Darren Proctor, **Chair**
Chauntelle Hellner, **Vice-Chair** (absent)
Randi Phelps
Todd Haueter (absent)
Jim Bouchard
Jaime Trejo (absent)
Terry Reid

City Staff Present

Gary Leaf, Community Service Director
Debbie McDonald, Park Board Clerk

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION WAS MADE BY BOARD MEMBER REID AND SECONDED BY BOARD MEMBER PHELPS TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER 10, 2012 MEETING.

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II. CORRESPONDENCE: NONE

III. CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Brian Cebe, 9407 206th Ave E: Keeps seeing a lot of changes in the Park Plan, if the City wants to get a bond passed can not see it going through if it keeps getting smaller and smaller. The plan seems to be turning into the Mayor's plan and not the citizen's plan.

Chair Proctor commented that the Mayor's proposal has the bond down to 10 million.

Mr. Leaf responded that the Park Plan is unchanged, what has changed is the proposal to fund the plan. After the last Park Summit meeting there was no real support for a sports complex so that has been taken out of the funding.

Chair Proctor commented that type of decision goes to the City Council and there is a draft to move forward for a Metropolitan Park District (M.P.D.).

Mr. Cebe responded he is concerned with City Council and the Mayor wanting to be in charge of the M.P.D. They don't want to run a Community Center yet they want to run the M.P.D. It seems like a conflict of interest, the people want an M.P.D. run by citizens and not City Council. This is supposed to be a vision for the next 30-years and I don't see City Council being able to lead us down that road. He doesn't want to see this come to the ballot half-assed, this is a joke.

Chair Proctor thanked Mr. Cebe for coming out and appreciates the comments. Suggested he try to attend a City Council meeting to express his opinions. Reminded the public that the Park Board is a recommendation board only.

Mr. Cebe responded that he is saying "no", to the half-assed plan. It is not a plan for the people that is being proposed but the Mayor's plan.

Marian Betzer, 19812 82 St Ct E: Worked on the Fennel Creek Trail and it was put in the Comp Plan in 2005. She would like to see more involvement from the Park Board and is concerned since the Fennel Creek Trail Committee was disbanded and is now under the Utility Department of the City. This was the first year that the City was not represented at the "Forever Green Trails Conference". Volunteers have spent many hours working on the trail and would hate to see that time lost. It is not too late to register for the "Washington State Trails Conference". They will have ideas for funding in a down economy.

Chair Proctor commented that a lot of the trails are ready to go just need the funding.

Board Member Reid mentioned he did attend the "Forever Green Trails Conference" and would love to get the information on the Washington State Trails Conference. Firmly believes in trails and is the reason he applied for the Park Board.

Lauri Carter: Has attended a conference in Vancouver and has seen the wonderful trail system they have developed. Along the trail they have historical markers, local art, benches and picnic tables. Would like to know what they are planning on doing with the old City Hall site over at 192nd? Would prefer to see a community center rather than a pavilion built.

Chair Proctor thanked her Ms. Carter for commenting.

Winona Jacobsen: Another way to look at trails is the non-motorized element of the Comp Plan. There are multi ways to get trails in the City. Trails give the citizens a way of getting from one end of the City to the other.

IV. STAFF REPORTS:

Joint Meeting

Mr. Leaf stated that City Council would like to have a joint meeting with the Park Board on October 30th, at 6 P.M.

Board Member Bouchard asked if there would be an agenda for the meeting.

Mr. Leaf responded that there would be an agenda sent out.

Ms. Jacobsen commented that there should be a specific agenda and Board Members should come with their thoughts, ideas and questions ready.

V. OLD/CONTINUING BUSINESS:

Park Summit

Mr. Leaf updated the Mayor's park proposal that would include three miles of trails, reconstruction of Allan Yorke ball fields and a pavilion. There was a sparse turnout for the Park Summit meeting last month. The Mayor is trying to get one-third of the plan funded every 10-years for the next 30-years.

Board Member Bouchard mentioned that a citizen e-mail was sent from a Ms. Johnson about there still being support for a ball field complex. Supporters were unable to attend because of having soccer games.

Ms. Carter also commented that the last meeting was also held during the school year and people have school activities they are attending.

Chair Proctor questioned the comment of there being no place for a sports complex and that would tell him that the City is wall to wall houses and businesses.

Mr. Leaf clarified that the City does not own a parcel big enough for a sports complex.

Chair Proctor asked if Mr. Leaf's comment on the sports complex being back to ground zero does not mean you scrap it. Need to readjust and go back to the citizens.

Mr. Cebe commented that just because he was not able to attend the last Park Plan meeting, he still wants his voice heard.

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

Chair Proctor asked about lifeguards at Allan Yorke Park.

Mr. Leaf referred the question to Councilmember Watson who was in the audience.

Council Member Watson responded that no lifeguard for the near future. Money will go towards signage, enforcement and education.

Chair Proctor cancelled the next meeting for November 12th and rescheduled for November 19th.

VII. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA:

Joint meeting follow-up.

VIII. FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:

XI. ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION WAS MADE BY BOARD MEMBER PHELPS AND SECONDED BY BOARD MEMBER BOUCHARD.

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The meeting ended at 6:59 P.M.

Debbie McDonald, Park Board Clerk