

**PARK COMMISSION  
MEETING**

**August 11, 2014  
6:00 p.m.**



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**APPROVED MINUTES**

*"Where Dreams Can Soar"*

**Location:** Justice & Municipal Center, 9002 Main Street East, Bonney Lake.

**I. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m.

**II. Roll Call:** Park Commissioners in attendance were Jim Bouchard – Chair, Chauntelle Hellner – Vice Chair, Randi Riesenber, Scott Anderson, Terry Reid, and Paul Surek. Todd Haueter was absent.

Staff member in attendance was Facilities & Special Projects Manager Gary Leaf. Park Commission Clerk Debbie McDonald was absent.

**III. Approval of Minutes:**

Motion was made by Paul Surek and seconded by Randi Riesenber to approve the minutes of the July 14, 2014 Meeting.

**Motion approved 6-0.**

**IV. Citizen Comments**

None

**V. Correspondence** – discussed e-mail from Fred Jacobsen concerning a “foot golf” course. Terry Reid asked staff to provide a copy of correspondence with Ms. Amy Geiger from the previous month.

**VI. Staff Reports** - None

**VII. Old / Continuing Business**

A. Manual for each Commission Member – Jim Bouchard proposed items to be placed under each tab in the notebook (i.e. correspondence, the City’s Parks and Open Space Plan, Fennel Creek Trail Plan, and information related to each park. By acclamation unanimously approved Table of Contents format proposed by Jim Bouchard.

B. Biennium Work Plan/Park Commission Ordinance – Jim Bouchard asked if Administrative Services could provide a summary of each Park Commission position and history of members by position. Mr. Bouchard also asked if the City website information pertaining to the Park Board will be now updated to the new Park Commission. Mr. Leaf said he would approach Administrative Services to see if they could provide the information requested by the Commission.

C. Fennel Creek Trail Parcels Status – Mr. Leaf advised the Commission that WSDOT recommends the City wait until NEPA is approved before considering

any more right-of-way acquisitions for the trail. Mr. Leaf also updated the Commission on issues related to prior right-of-way acquisitions that must be resolved before beginning the design of the next trail segment.

- D. Comp Plan Revision – no update at this time
- E. Disk Golf Course – Mr. Leaf provided an updated request from the Pierce County Disk Golf Course Association and requested Commission assent before taking the proposal to the City Council. By acclamation approved supporting the PCDGCA request.

**VIII. New Business**

- A. Smoking in the Park – Mr. Leaf reviewed the existing smoke-free policy and noted the Prosecuting Attorney opined that the staff cannot pursue “selective enforcement,” i.e. if the Special Event Coordinator announces rules and regulations at the beginning of special events such as concerts in the parks all regulations must be reviewed. If a staffer happens to pass by that staffer is obligated by the policy to point it out to offenders. Mr. Leaf pointed out that the Administration would be willing to propose an ordinance that can be more fully enforced should the Commission wish. Terry Reid expressed concern that if an ordinance with penalties is proposed there might be backlash and that it might be considered “over-reaching,” such as what happened recently in Sumner. Paul Surek noted that his experience in parks management suggests that smoking should be prohibited in specific places such as playgrounds but not broadly apply to all park space. Scott Anderson asked if staff could pursue a second legal opinion.

**IX. Items for Next Agenda**

- A. Randi Reisenberg recommended continuing the “smoking in the park” discussion to the next Park Commission meeting.

**X. For the Good of the Order - None**

**XI. Adjournment**

**At 7:30 p.m., Randi Reisenberg moved to adjourn the meeting. Chauntelle Hellner seconded the motion.**

**Motion approved 6-0.**

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Park Commission Clerk