

**PARK COMMISSION
MEETING**

**October 12, 2015
6:00 p.m.**

APPROVED MINUTES



“Where Dreams Can Soar”

The City of Bonney Lake's Mission is to protect the community's livable identity and scenic beauty through responsible growth planning and by providing accountable, accessible and efficient local government services.

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

- I. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:10 P.M.
- II. Roll Call:** Park Commissioners in attendance were Jim Bouchard – Chair, Commissioner Haueter (6:25), Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Thiel and 2 vacant positions

Absent: Vice-Chair Hellner,

Staff members in attendance: Facilities & Special Projects Manager Gary Leaf, and Park Commission Clerk Debbie McDonald

III. Approval of Minutes:

Because a lack of quorum at the start of the meeting, minutes were not approved.

IV. Citizen Comments: NONE

V. Correspondence: NONE

VI. Staff Reports:

- A. *BBL Update* – Facilities & Special Project Manager Leaf stated the event went good with many volunteers showing up to help.

Chair Bouchard commented there was about 550 volunteers and could have used some small shirts for the kids.

- B. *Ad Hoc* – Facilities & Special Project Manager Leaf commented that a topographic study costing \$38,000 and a wetland study at a cost of \$9,000 need to be completed before moving ahead with plans for Allan Yorke Park. The Mayor would like to focus on Mid Town Park. The Sumner School District will be doing a presentation on their upcoming bond that could include more ball fields.

Commissioner Anderson is leery of the Sumner School District with using their ball fields. They have been known to lock them up so they can't be used.

Commissioners had concern on the need for a topographic study with Allan Yorke already having most of the park design completed, a little late in the process to do one now and spend that kind of money.

Motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Haueter to recommend the City moves ahead with the topographic and wetland studies for Allan Yorke Park per Bruce Dee's request.

Motion Approved 4-0

Facilities & Special Project Manager Leaf commented for Midtown Park they will receive input from citizens and then put together a plan from the citizen's comments with options like was done with the Fennel Creek trail design. City Council would still have to approve the Master Plan.

Commissioner Anderson commented that the Park Commission should be making the recommendation for the Midtown Park master plan. If it is not going through the Park Commission then what is the purpose of the Park Commission.

Facilities & Special Project Manager Leaf reminded the Commissioners they are not the final approvers, City Council have the final say.

Chair Bouchard responded that the citizen comments could come through the Park Commission with the recommendations compiled and moved onto City Council. The Commission can hold a few public meetings to gather comments.

Facilities & Special Project Manager Leaf commented that Bruce Dees recommend that there be an Ad Hoc committee with stakeholders to work on the Midtown Park master plan.

VII. Old / Continuing Business:

- A. *Manual for Each Commissioner* – Chair Bouchard distributed a draft mission statement and table of contents for the Commissioner manual.

Commissioner Anderson commented that the mission statement should reflect that City Council refers items to the Park Commission.

Chair Bouchard commented this is just a draft and can change it later.

- B. *Park Commission Work Plan* – Facilities and Special Project Manager Leaf commented that an annual report from the Park Board is needing to be presented to City Council.

Chair Bouchard responded he can present an annual report for 2014 to City Council at any time.

Facilities and Special Project Manager Leaf responded will set something up with City Council to report on 2015 at the first of the new year.

- C. *Park Commission Work Plan* – No update at this time

VIII. New Business:

- A. *Fennel Creek Cost* – Facilities & Special Project Manager Leaf discussed the cost involved for the development of Fennel Creek. The cost has almost doubled since first starting this project. Would like to move forward with the design, it will cost the City an extra \$350,000.00 but will need to check with WSDOT if they would approve a tunnel going under Hwy 410. City Engineer John Woodcock will be the liaison between the City and State.

IX. Items for Next Agenda: NONE

X. For the Good of the Order:

Commissioner Anderson reminded Commissioners of the Milotte Film Festival October 17, at Midtown Grill.

XI. Adjournment:

Motion was made by Commissioner Haueter and seconded by Commissioner Anderson to adjourn the Park Commission Meeting.

Motion Approved 4-0

Meeting was adjourned at 7:26 P.M.

Debbie McDonald, Park Commission Clerk