



Community Services Department

Park Board Minutes

May 14, 2012 Regular Scheduled Meeting

APPROVED

City of Bonney Lake Council Chambers

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 P.M.

Park Board Present

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

City Staff Present

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

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION WAS MADE BY BOARD MEMBER BOUCHARD AND SECONDED BY BOARD MEMBER PHELPS TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM APRIL 9, WITH CORRECTIONS.

MOTION APPROVED 5-0

II. CORRESPONDENCE:

Letter entered into the record from Laurie Carter.

III. CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Laurie Carter 9418 184 Ave E, Bonney Lake: Ms. Carter thought it was a good idea to attend the meeting tonight. Last year there was the addition of the Cultural Arts and Heritage plan to the Park Plan. After attending the Park Summit would like to see each group have their own meeting like sports fields, trails, YMCA/community center. Can't always assume people will always know all the information. Should be specific on what the meetings are about. Included in her letter she submitted is the demographics of each age range. There is a need to be more geared towards the age groups that vote. There should be a combination of City Council members and citizens working together in development of how to implement the Park Plan.

Vice-Chair Cebe asked if while she was on City Council if there was a line-item in the budget for the Cultural Arts and Heritage plan?

Ms. Carter responded that no line-item in the budget was set up.

Board Member Bouchard commented that during the Park Summit there was discussion of having multiple meetings. Where do we get the most bang for our buck and should continue to having meetings to keep this issue in the forefront.

Mr. Leaf asked Ms. Carter what type of prep time is needed to put a park bond on the ballot.

Ms. Carter responded there is some short prep time needed, mostly to write the statement for the voter's pamphlet.

IV. STAFF REPORTS: NONE

V. OLD/CONTINUING BUSINESS:

Park Summit

Mr. Leaf asked if Park Board Members had a chance to read the follow up article on the Park Summit in Patch. After the Park Summit he heard nothing but good comments. There is a good momentum out there and need to talk about staying on top of the wave.

Chair Proctor commented on his group discussion he led at the Park Summit. The soccer group is more interested in turf fields since they go longer into the fall. Would benefit having picnic areas and a concession stand. Have naming rights for the fields to be sponsored by businesses. When planning any sports fields to have money set aside for maintenance. Trails will need a more serene area not around a sports complex.

Board Member Bouchard commented that we are so much more consumer aware and voters want to see where their money is going. Would like to see a follow-up meeting.

Mr. Leaf is concerned that citizens may think the funding or land is just going to fall out of the sky. It is a million just for turfs not including anything else. Trails cost a million just for a mile. Is worried that people don't understand the cost involved and the items they want are very expensive things.

Board Member Bouchard asked with building picking up what about the park impact fees.

Chair Proctor responded that the City's park impact fees are in the top 5% in the state. Most of that money goes towards paying off the Moriarty property.

Mr. Leaf commented that the people overwhelmingly wanted a Metropolitan Park District (M.P.D.) that consist of both City Council Members and citizens.

Chair Proctor also agreed with Mr. Leaf that the citizens want an M.P.D. to get a bond pass that will encompass several items not just focus on one thing. Would like to see a disconnect with the City Council, there is some mistrust with the City Council and the appropriate spending of the bond. The last park bond was too vague and need to be very specific on what the money would go towards.

Board Member Phelps commented that citizens don't know what all the Park Plan contains.

Mr. Leaf responded that was what the Park Summit was for to get the information out on the Park Plan and figure out how to pay for it.

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

VII. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA:

VIII. FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Chair Proctor handed out some funding sources for Park Board Members to read at their continence.

XI. ADJOURNMENT:

**MOTION WAS MADE BY BOARD MEMBER BOUCHARD AND SECONDED BY VICE-CHAIR
CEBE TO ADJOURN.**

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The meeting ended at 7:20 P.M.

Debbie McDonald, Park Board Clerk