



Parks & Recreation Commission
7:00 P.M.
April 28, 2010

CALL TO ORDER: Mark Nickerson, Vice Chair

Present: Eunice Abrahamsen, Juli Bradley, Walt Eby and Melissa Smith

Excused: Brent Erickson, Scott Jonason and Steve Lorenz

Staff Present: Jerry Acheson and Susan Newlove

Public: Arleen Chester and Jerry Quilling

A motion was made by Eby, seconded by Bradley, and carried that minutes of the general meeting of February 24, 2010, be approved as written.

OFF-LEASH AREAS

Jerry Acheson introduced Jerry Quilling and Arleen Chester the representatives of Dogpaw. Acheson submitted information to the board members regarding the proposed off-leash area in Camas and plans to have the public process complete by May 14th in order to compile testimony and make a decision to move forward with a recommendation to Council in May on the memorandum, land use and public process.

In response to Acheson's question regarding timelines, Chester stated it would take approximately a month to begin ground breaking. Chester expressed the importance of educating the public. Quilling stated that communication is very important and is accomplished by posting quality metal signs throughout the park. In response to Nickerson's question regarding staffing, Chester stated that there is not a representative at the park at all times, but the manager will visit the park often.

Acheson stated that they need to come up with some additional items in relation to the dog park such as the rules, a name, and a minor change to the City's ordinance CMC 6.08.140 by adding one sentence that states the off-leash area is "in an area specifically designed by the city".

SELECTION OF GARDEN AREA NAMES FOR THE CEMETERY

Eunice Abrahamsen distributed a list of potential names for the new garden sections of the Cemetery and suggested voting for three names. Eby suggested some additional names to add to the potential list. The board will vote for names at the Commission meeting in May.

PROJECT UPDATES

Camtown – The Camtown Youth Festival will take place on June 12th, 2010 at Crown Park from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Camas Pool – The pool will open on June 18th or 21st for its 56th season.

Summer Camps – Summer camps will begin on Monday, June 28th.

Benton Park – The dedication is scheduled for May 6th at 3:30 pm.

Goot Park – The dedication is scheduled for May 27th at 3:30 pm.

Washougal River Greenway Trail – Scheduled to finish in mid-Summer with a dedication in the Fall. Eby suggested having the dedication in conjunction with the Washougal tunnel dedication on August 14th.

Camas Community Center – The ramp/stair project is scheduled to begin on May 10th.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 26th at 7:00 p.m.