



Parks & Recreation Commission
7:00 P.M.
June 23, 2010

CALL TO ORDER: Brent Erickson, Chair

Present: Eunice Abrahamsen, Walt Eby, Scott Jonason, Steve Lorenz,
Mark Nickerson and Melissa Smith

Excused: Juli Bradley

Staff Present: Jerry Acheson and Susan Newlove

Public: Allen Anderson, Denise Anderson, Jenny Gray, Kathleen Hanson,
Mark Heiny and Shellie Phillips

A motion was made by Eby, seconded by Lorenz, and carried that minutes of the general meeting of May 26, 2010, be approved as written.

OFF-LEASH PARK DISCUSSION

Jerry Acheson introduced Animal Control Officer, Bryan Caine. Caine believes that Goot Park is a great location for the Dog Park and most of the complaints he receives are from people that do not like to drive from Prune Hill to Washougal, making a closer location more convenient. In response to Smith's question regarding park usage in Washougal, Caine said they visit the site several times a day and while the amount of people using it varies day to day, at the most there will be about 25 people.

In response to Eby's question Caine stated that once in a while he get calls for off-leash dogs at Crown Park. Caine stated that signage is important at the parks although it is never a guarantee that people will follow the rules.

Mark Heiny introduced the other Dogpaw members present: Shellie Phillips, Board Member and Manager of Dakota Park; Kathleen Hanson, President and Manager of Brush Prairie Park; Jenny Gray, Co-Manager of Stevenson Park. In response to Jonason's question regarding park usage, Heiny stated that Dakota Park is very highly used. Phillips stated that there were about 50 people there recently and there can be up to 100 people on Saturdays. Heiny stated that the smaller parks draw about 10-20 people at a time.

Denise Anderson introduced herself and stated that she is against the Goot Park location due to environmental concerns of erosion and that Camas has already provided beautiful walkways in the area.

Allen Anderson, 116 SE James Street, stated that no one he has spoken to in his neighborhood supports the location. He considers the parks noisy and smelly and would bring a lot of traffic in. He added that it is a closed neighborhood and already has traffic issues.

Erickson stated that since there are discrepancies within the maintenance agreement between the City and the Dogpaw Organization, the board cannot move forward until the dispute is resolved. Erickson stated that City staff and Dogpaw need to come up with a written agreement in order to move forward.

Abrahamsen stated that she believes strongly in listening to the property owners in the area and they have communicated that they do not want it and she does not understand why it is being pushed. Erickson stated that Acheson will have a discussion with Dogpaw and City Staff, then will discuss it at the next board meeting and come to a consensus to move forward to Council.

LACAMAS TRAILHEAD IMPROVEMENT CONCEPT

Acheson stated that Eric Levison, Public Works Director, came up with a potential design for the trailhead and presented the layout to the board, which includes additional parking on both sides, a future restroom and some tree removal. Erickson indicated that this will improve both the usage and safety coming in and going out.

OTHER ITEMS

Lacamas Canoe and Kayak – Acheson stated that Lacamas Canoe and Kayak is open and will not do his business from his trailer.

Cemetery – Erickson thanked Abrahamsen and City Staff for the volunteer time they put in over Memorial Day Weekend.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 28th at 7:00 p.m.