



Parks & Recreation Commission
7:00 P.M.
August 26, 2009

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, Mitch Lackey and Susan Newlove

Public: Jonathan Bauer, Kathleen Hansen and Sunday Sheely

A motion was made by Jonason, seconded by Eby, and carried that minutes of the general meeting of June 24, 2009, be approved as written.

AMEND SECTION 12.32.150 RELATING TO FIREARMS IN CITY PARKS

Brent Erickson introduced Mitch Lackey of the Camas Police Department. Lackey stated that section 12.32.150 of the Camas Municipal code needed to be amended by eliminating the restriction on possession of firearms given the preemption of State firearm laws.

In response to Walt Eby's question regarding posting signs, Lackey suggested that Jerry Acheson, Parks and Recreation Manager contact Shawn Macpherson, City Attorney about signage in the parks to reflect this amendment.

ART IN THE PARK/FOLLOW-UP PRESENTATION

Erickson stated that he spoke with Liz Pike about a month ago regarding "Art in the Park" and she stated that she had about 12 vendors.

DOG PARK DISCUSSION

Melissa Smith introduced Kathleen Hansen of Dog Paw. Smith stated that Mayor Paul Dennis and Mark Heiny of Dog Paw visited the Anderson Property. Heiny currently proposes the following for the dog park: there will be 6 acres(5 acres for large dogs and 1 acre for small dogs); the park would include an information kiosk and two waste containers; there will be standard field fencing for the large dog area and no-climb fencing for the small dog area; Dog Paw will provide the management, construction and final decision making on modifications to the park, while the City will provide parking improvements, signage, mowing responsibilities, resources for drilling of post holes and some materials.

Erickson stated that in the original proposal made two years ago, Dog Paw would manage all construction and financing and the City would lease the park to them. Hansen stated that Dog Paw has different proposals with different cities. In response to Board Member Steve Lorenz's question regarding parking, Acheson stated that 32 parallel parking spots and a new sidewalk have been installed in that area.

In response to Erickson's question regarding naming the park in honor of someone, Sunday Shealy introduced herself and suggested honoring her son Austin. Shealy stated that she is willing to volunteer and do work for the park.

Erickson suggested notifying the neighborhood before going any further. In response to Lorenz's question regarding design, Acheson stated that there is some flexibility in that area. Acheson mentioned that maintenance may be an issue and Erickson stated that the original proposal included maintenance. Erickson suggested that Acheson speak with Monte Brachmann, Public Works Director and Eric Levison, Operations Manager regarding maintenance. He also suggested sending a notice to neighbors living within 500 ft.

PROJECT UPDATES

Eagle Scout Project update – Jonathan Bauer re-roofed the red brick Mausoleum at the Camas cemetery and did some landscaping to make it more inviting. Bauer stated that the roof is weather-proofed, that he put on shingles, caulked, primed and repainted the wood. He passed around photos to the board members. The Commissioners stated that it was a really nice project and very well done. Lorenz suggested including his info in the Camas cemetery tour.

Bids – The bids for the Washougal River Greenway Trail and Community Center ramp will open on September 1st.

Summer Season 2009– The last day for the pool to be open will be this upcoming Saturday, August 29, 2009. The camps were almost always full throughout the summer and it was a great season.

Community Center fire – Acheson stated that he does not know the cause of the fire yet. Four bushes on the outside burned and there was water damage inside.

Camas Cemetery – Eby stated that the plants were pruned by about a third and Abrahamsen stated that the office has a new table.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 23rd at 7:00 p.m.