

BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS MINUTES
Wednesday, August 17, 2016 5:30pm, Lacey City Hall

Present:

Commission: Lu Carlson, Paul Royer, Ken Balsley, Alexandra Rivera & Sheelah McCoughan

Excused: Matt Acker

Staff: Sue Falash

Public: Ken Ruth, Jae Graham, Michael Cobb & James Reddick

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm, by Chair Lu Carlson.

Additions or deletions to the Agenda

Announcements & introductions

Minutes

The June 1, 2016 minutes were unanimously approved and placed on record.

Calendar

Correspondence

- a) Jae Graham – Outdoor racquetball courts

Ken Ruth gave a presentation on outdoor racquetball courts and a proposal for courts in Lacey. He believes 6 courts would fit well at the RAC. Jae Graham added her support for the proposal. The proposal included cost estimate (\$170,000) and potential product and labor donation/sponsors.

Motion: To have LPRD staff research and consider potential locations, conflicts & funding.

The motion was seconded and unanimously approved. Commissioners were impressed by the quality of the proposal.

Old Business

- a) RAC 20 year Financial Plan: Review and Approval

Commissioners reviewed the 20 year Financial Plan for the RAC.

Motion: To approve the RAC 20 year Financial Plan as presented.

The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

New Business

- a) 2017 Budget Request: Review and Approval

Commissioners reviewed the 2017 Budget Request.

Motion: To approve the 2017 Budget Request as presented.

The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

- b) Rampage at RAC – on hold for 2016

With very low enrollment and staff restrictions, the department has decided to cancel the Rampage for 2016.

Director's Report

- a) Programs & Special Events

1. Summer Programs have been full & Summer Lunch Program serving thousands of kids.

2. Lacey In Tune events well attended this summer.

3. Lacey Days activities: Fireworks, BBQ Festival, ice cream social

Fireworks were spectacular and Rainier Vista was a great location for the event.

- b) Planning and Construction
 - 1. Security cameras in 3 parks: Waiting for new IS staff to be filled before cameras can be installed.
 - 2. Pickleball courts about to go out to bid
 - 3. Covered bleachers- plans are done, waiting on permitting
 - 4. Forest Management Plan Pleasant Glade Park Grant- final report
- c) Grants & Budget
 - 1. WWRP Grant for Woodland Creek Community Park Trail Connection
- d) Miscellaneous
 - 1. Rec Trac 3.1: Major upgrade of Recreation Software in October.

Commissioner's Report

Ken Balsley recently rented the Virgil Clarkson Senior Center for a private event and had high praise for the facility and the staff at the Senior Center.

Lu asked the status of the Parks Director vacancy. Sue said interview panels are scheduled for late September and position will likely be filled by mid to late October.

Chair's Report

No report.

Citizen/Public Comments on Items not on the Agenda

Committee Reports

- a) PARC Foundation: James Reddick
 - 75 participants in Capital to Bay Relay (doubled from 2015)
 - Partnering with LPRD for grant application to enhance Lacey In Tune program
 - Puddle Jump in November
- b) City's 50th Anniversary of Incorporation Planning Committee:
 - Fireworks kick off was great, next event is Christmas Tree Lighting, lighted vehicle parade and open house on December 5.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 7:15pm.

Next meeting: Wednesday, September 7, 2016 at 5:30pm at Lacey City Hall.