

BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

Wednesday, April 5, 2017 5:30pm, Lacey City Hall

Present:

Commission: Alexandra Rivera, Angela Jefferson & Ken Balsley

Excused: Lu Carlson, Sheelah McCaughan

Unexcused: Matt Acker

Staff: Jen Burbidge

Public: Jae Graham, Michael Cobb, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Delozier, Jackson Sillars, James Reddick

The meeting was called to order at 5:34 pm, by Chair Ken Balsley

Additions or deletions to the Agenda

No additions or deletions.

Announcements & introductions

None.

Minutes

No quorum.

Calendar

Reminder: Special meeting Wednesday April 19, 5:00-6:00pm, Lacey City Hall Community Room.

Correspondence

No correspondence.

Old Business

a) GRuB Victory Farm Proposal

St. Mark's Lutheran Church representatives reviewed their community gardening program. Program includes partnerships with GRuB, Thurston County Food Bank and Mountain View Elementary. GRuB representatives reviewed their Victory Farm program and need for new farm site and a Veteran Coordinator. Park Board is supportive of a pilot site/program in Lacey, potentially in 2018 and St. Marks is also open to a partnership.

b) Racquetball Courts Proposal

Jen gave a brief history of previous discussion on racquetball courts at the RAC. Jae Graham added information from USA Racquetball, regarding need for outdoor courts for local users and national tournaments and the potential economic influx the tournaments could have in Lacey. Jae stressed outdoor courts are needed because local indoor courts are either full, require memberships &/or do not permit youth players. Proposal includes cost estimates and funding options. Commissioners asked a number of questions and thanked the group for their proposal. Jen suggested the group attend future Comprehensive Planning meetings (posted on City website).

c) Sports Commission

Jen reviewed City Council recent request for potential sports commission and research she has done on sports commissions in the state. Jen will continue research and present options at future Council Work Session.

New Business

a) Plaza Park South potential rename

Jen reviewed the City of Lacey naming policy. Ken feels very strongly, that the park be named for Karen Fraser, first female City of Lacey Planning Commissioner and Mayor. Commissioners reviewed policy criteria and will make a motion to rename Plaza Park South at the next meeting (with quorum).

Director's Report

a) Programs & Special Events

- 1) March 11 – Ethnic Celebration
- 2) March 24 – ACT Night at Salish Middle School
- 3) April 21 – ACT Night at Nisqually Middle School
- 4) April 15 – Arbor Day at Huntamer
- 5) April 22 – Earth Day at Wonderwood
- 6) April 22 – City of Olympia gifting us a tree
- 7) May 5 – ACT Night at Komachin Middle School
- 8) Lacey In Tune Summer Concert schedule (attached)

Commissioners love the schedule and the fact that there is something for everyone.

b) Construction Project Updates

- 1) Pickle Ball courts at Rainier Vista
- 2) RAC covered bleachers

c) Planning

- 1) Parks & Recreation Comp Plan

Second 1/3 of planning areas to review: Rainier Vista, Interlake, Pattison, McAllister

Jen & Commissioners reviewed the second third of the planning areas.

- 2) Event sign ups, please call LPRD office to sign up

Saturday, April 15 from 10am-1pm @ Huntamer Park for Arbor Day: Jen

Saturday, April 22 from 10am-1pm @ Wonderwood Park for Earth Day: Jen & Lu

Saturday, May 6th from 10am-2pm @ SMU LSFF:

Saturday, May 6th from 2pm-6pm @ SMU LSFF:

Sunday, May 7th from 11am-2pm @ SMU LSFF:

Sunday, May 7th from 2pm-5pm @ SMU LSFF:

Move May Park board meeting date from Weds. May 3rd to Thurs. May 11th

Ken & Angela can attend, Alexandra can't attend May 11. Meeting will include public comment on Comp Plan. Jen will confirm with Lu & Sheelah.

d) Grants & Budget

Nothing to report.

e) Miscellaneous

Jen & Commissioners discussed Commissioner Matt Acker's lack of attendance and communication. Matt's absences have exceeded those allowed in a calendar year, and he has not communicated or replied to either email or phone messages.

Commissioners suggested sending a letter to Matt.

Commissioner's Report

No report.

Chair's Report

No report.

Citizen/Public Comments on Items not on the Agenda

No comments.

Committee Reports

- a) PARC Foundation
Getting ready for Earth Day event on April 22, with Lacey, Olympia and Tumwater groups participating.
- b) City's 50th Anniversary of Incorporation Planning Committee
Tickets are available at Lacey City Hall or online at <http://celebratelacey.com/mayors-gala>

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Next meeting:

- Special Meeting: Wednesday, April 19, 2017 at 5:00pm at Lacey City Hall
- Regular meeting with public comment on Comp Plan: Wednesday, May 11, 2017 at 5:30pm at Lacey Community Center