

MINUTES
Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission
Wednesday, January 8, 2020 – 5:30 p.m.
Lower Level Conference Room

Members Present: Chris Howell, Gina Othmer, Pete Degabriele and Jennifer DeFosse

Members Absent: Rick Bierman, Dana LaRue and Angie Haller

Staff Present: Rich Klimes and Keslie Stafford

Guests Present: Greg Harper

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

Minutes of the November 6, 2019 regular meeting were unanimously approved as distributed.

Request – Melon City Criterium Bike Race

Harper discussed the 42nd Annual Melon City Criterium Bike Race request for Sunday, May 24th in Weed Park.

Commission Member DeFosse motioned to approve the 42nd Annual Melon City Criterium Bike Race request. Seconded by Commission Member Othmer. All ayes; motion carries.

Request – HNI Picnic

Staff distributed and discussed the HNI Picnic request. The event will take place on Sunday, August 16th in Weed Park.

Commission Member DeFosse motioned to approve the HNI Picnic request as submitted. Seconded by Commission Member Degabriele. All ayes; motion carries.

Review – Parks and Recreation Budgets – Performance Measures

Staff distributed and discussed the performance measures for each division in the Parks and Recreation Department for the FY 20/21 Budget.

Commission member Howell asked if #9 and #15 greens would be redone this year. Staff informed Commission that it is in the future plans but will not be done at this time as equipment purchases are greatly needed.

Update – Dog Park

Staff installed an additional concrete pad in the large dog area to facilitate the high usage. Commission Member DeFosse thanked staff as it has been an amazing addition for the dogs.

A trail will be added soon connecting the Dog Park to the additional fields being built across from the soccer complex.

Commission Member DeFosse asked if a restroom will be added at some point to the Dog Park. Staff stated not as this time as there is no electricity to that location.

Update – Weed Park Street Lighting Project

The new light standards in Weed Park have been installed by MUSCO and the old light standards have been removed.

Update – West Side Trail Project

The West Side Trail Project has officially started and will connect the Dog Park to Discovery Park. The project will be completed sometime this year.

Update – Houser Street Parking Expansion and Safety Enhancement Project

Lights are up and running now, fields are growing in and the parking lot has been completed. Additional signage will be installed soon.

Update – Trail Marker Project

The Native American Trail Marker will be placed next to the trail on the riverfront near the old bridge pier. A plaque will also be placed there to provide history on the artifact.

Update – Weed Park Restroom Project

Staff informed Commission that City Council approved a request to purchase a modular restroom for Weed Park. The interior of the upper loop restroom will also be redone with any funds leftover from the project.

Other Business

Staff asked Commission if they would be in favor of adding another splash pad to one of the park locations. Commission was in general consensus of exploring that option.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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