



Baker City Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

Regular Meeting

September 25, 2018

5:15 p.m.

City Hall

Board Members Present: Lisa Jacoby, Loran Joseph, Kim Mosier, Gail Duman, Karla Macy

Board Members Absent: Linda Collins

Guests Present: Corinne Vegter, Lynette Perry

Staff Present: Joyce Bornstedt

Call to Order

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

Additions or Modifications to Agenda

None

Approval of February 6, 2018 Minutes

A motion was made by Joseph with a second by Duman to approve the minutes as presented. All voted in favor.

Central Park Update

Bornstedt reported that efforts are continuing to acquire land for access for Central Park. The next Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) grant is being reserved to assist with the acquisition. She continued that the splash pad project as envisioned would probably require use of that grant program, but that a smaller scope may be possible with other grant resources. The labyrinth site has been cleaned up and landscape finished. Bornstedt also reported that the person who damaged the dog station had been identified and cited. Duman suggested that community service to the dog park would be appropriate.

New Business

Lynette Perry presented the concept of putting tree surrounding benches in Geiser Pollman Park. She said that the benches would provide protection from tripping on the tree roots that are at the surface level, as well as provide additional seating for events in the park. She said that she has a potential donor for the project, or a portion thereof. Perry had met with Bornstedt, and Bornstedt indicated that the benches would need to be built of steel, and be of commercial grade to withstand public use and abuse. Perry presented several examples of benches. She said that once the design and cost are established, perhaps sponsors for the benches could be found with proceeds being split between the Parks Department and Baker City Events (BCE.) BCE is a non-profit organization, and would be able to organize and process funds raised. Joseph said he thought the concept was good as long as the benches selected would be strong enough to hold up. Bornstedt recommended that Perry contact Natural Structures. In response to a question, Bornstedt said she would have Michelle Owen mention the project at the next Tree Board meeting. Discussion ensued regarding placement of the benches. Bornstedt said that not all staff were in favor of the concept. Jacoby suggested that maybe the benches could be placed solely in the area of the pavilion. Bornstedt said that Perry is working to put together information for placement of additional tiles on the pavilion. Perry indicated that she is getting quotes, and explained the addition locations available to place them. Proceeds from the sale of the tiles would be split as well between BCE and the Parks Department. Duman asked if the picnic tables are moved to the pavilion when events are held there. The consensus was that the tables are heavy and cumbersome to move, and are utilized in other areas of the park as well. She asked if the Parks Department is continuing to purchase a picnic table each year. Bornstedt indicated that the funding had been cut in the 2017-2018 year, but that she thought it had been reinstated for 2018-2019.

A motion was made by Joseph with a second by Mosier to support Perry's tree surround bench project. Duman said that the Tree Board should be advised of the project, and the design of commercial grade benches should come back to the Parks and Rec Board for approval. All voted in favor with the stated stipulations.

Mosier thanked Perry for her presentation, and said that she appreciated community members that bring ideas as well as funding opportunities for their proposed projects to the City.

Duman said that the 2nd Annual Dog Jog will be held on October 6, 2018, at 9:00 a.m., starting at Central Park. She said that Collins had volunteered to help if necessary. Jacoby said that she and her daughter will be there to help as well. Bornstedt that there is an abundance of goodies left over from the dog park opening to give some dog related things to all participants. There is another run the same day in the afternoon put on by Baker Valley Physical Therapy. Duman has talked with them about possibly combining the events next year. Duman shared with t-shirt design, provided again by Brian Vegter.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m. The next regular meeting will be October 16, 2018, at 5:15 p.m., City Hall.