



## **Baker City Parks and Recreation Advisory Board**

Regular Meeting

November 13, 2018

5:15 p.m.

City Hall

Board Members Present: Lisa Jacoby, Loran Joseph, Linda Collins, Karla Macy

Board Members Absent: Kim Mosier, Gail Duman

Guests Present: None

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 October 16, 2018 Minutes**

One typographical error was corrected. A motion was made by Joseph with a second by Collins to approve the minutes as presented. All voted in favor.

### **New Business**

The Board discussed the best methods to begin the parks master plan update. Bornstedt said that it would be reasonable to complete the update in 2020. That would be the five-year anniversary of the original plan. General housekeeping to update added amenities needs to be complete. The Board would also like to complete a new community survey to gauge the community opinion of the parks system, both current and proposed projects. Macy talked about using Facebook promotion and utilizing community partners to boost participation in the survey. Discussion continued regarding the survey, and the evolution of residents' opinions of the parks since the last survey was completed in 2012. Joseph suggested that the members review the survey that was used last time and come up with additions and changes for the new survey. The Board considered the possibility of renaming the two parks that are located along the pathway at Kirkway and Hughes and Kirkway & 'H'. The Board also discussed the possibility of introducing a nominal parks user fee.

Bornstedt informed the Board that there has been interest from and some resistance to the tree surround bench idea at Geiser Pollman Park. The Tree Board and Public Arts commission will both be weighing in on that proposal before it moves forward. She also indicated that she had been approached by the Powder Basin Watershed Council Executive Director regarding promotion of fishing opportunities along the Powder River in Baker City. She will be meeting with him to gather more information. Bornstedt indicated that she has been contacted by a MODA Health representative indicating they would like to talk with her regarding an opportunity for the City. MODA partners with the Portland Trail Blazers to provide assessible play equipment to communities in Oregon. She also indicated that there has been some forward motion regarding the property acquisition for Central Park parking. It is possible that the Parks Department may need to dispose of the lot they currently own on Valley Street to assist in funding the purchase. She also talked about other possible funding sources.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m. The next regular meeting will be January 22, 2019, at 5:15 p.m., City Hall.