



Baker City Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

Regular Meeting

May 3, 2021

5:30 p.m.

City Hall

Board Members Present: Lisa Jacoby, Karla Macy, Kim Mosier, Buell Gonzales, Jr., Nathan Defrees, Valerie Potter, Johnny Waggoner, Sr.

Board Members Absent: None

Guests Present: None

Staff Present: Joyce Bornstedt

Call to Order

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

Additions or Modifications to Agenda

None

Approval of March 29, 2021 Minutes

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

Old Business

- a. **Parks Surveillance Systems** – Bornstedt reported that both the Geiser Pollman and Central Park systems are up and running. She is still working to learn the operations. Access will be given to law enforcement agencies for use in investigations. Signs will be posted regarding the areas being under surveillance in order to be able to use the footage in court proceedings.
- b. **Parks Master Plan Update 2020** – Mosier provided a handout of parks improvements from 2012 – 2018. She emphasized that the approximate \$755,589 value of the improvements was funded primarily with grants and donations, utilizing only \$89,493 in tax payer dollars. She continued with review of the Parks Master Plan & Update Recommendations she had prepared to summarize areas of the current master plan that need to be addressed during the update process. She said that the improvements since adoption of the plan in 2015 as well as the changes in acreages would need to be updated. She said there are areas of the plan that would need to reflect information regarding the 2021 community survey and new information. She further broke down the specific areas of the plan that would need to be updated. She and Bornstedt talked about the level of service definition and standard. Discussion continued regarding status of Sam-O Park with the addition of the dog park as well as how school district and sports complex properties should be included within the non-city amenities inventory. Macy and Gonzales talked about the status of the new playground at North Baker School. It was also noted that Leo Adler Field may revert back to the fairgrounds as it is no longer used for baseball. The members discussed the strategy for completing the update, and how the update should be formatted. Gonzales mentioned the possibility of the Leo Adler Memorial Parkway extending through school district property to tie into 10th Street. Mosier gave a

brief description of the proposed splash pad project at Central Park. Gonzales added that the school district is looking at adding basketball courts and volleyball courts in the area of the sports complex. Mosier recapped the new improvements that need to be added. Mosier talked about other plans and documents that were referenced, as well as funding mechanisms. The board agreed to divide up the parks and complete updated amenity surveys, proposed improvements, and other tasks as follows:

Defrees – Will continue the community survey online and review chapter 3.

Gonzales – Will survey the school district and non-city owned properties.

Potter – Will survey Partners for Paws dog park, Sam-O Park, Leo Adler Memorial Parkway, Lions Park.

Macy – Geiser Pollman, Kirkway & 'H', Kirkway & Hughes.

Mosier – Central Park, Cedar Acres Park.

Jacoby – Riverpark, PO Square Park, Dewey Pocket Park.

Waggoner – South Baker Park, 3rd & Riverpark traffic islands.

Macy said that the community input, goals and action items would probably be the most time consuming. The board will work on these items together once the inventories and the community survey are complete. The goal is to have the inventories complete by June 28. The remainder of the park specific items will be due sometime in August. After discussion, the goal was to have a draft in October to present to the City Council.

- c. **Community Survey** – Defrees said that the survey is up on line. Gonzales offered to distribute a link to the survey to students via email. After discussion, it was decided to send the link to grades 7 – 12. Potter will go to Geiser Pollman Park two Sundays in June, then Mosier will input those results into the computer survey.
- d. **Parks Board Priorities and 2021 Goals** – Bornstedt indicated that she left this on the agenda although the Board was of the consensus that they would table this item until the community survey is complete.

New Business

None

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for June 28, 2021.