



Baker City Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

Regular Meeting

March 6, 2017

5:15 p.m.

City Council Chambers

Board Members Present: Lisa Jacoby, Mark Bogart, Jeff Nelson, Kim Mosier, Gail Duman, Linda Collins

Board Members Absent: Loran Joseph

Guests Present: Cedar Acres neighborhood group

Staff Present: Joyce Bornstedt

Call to Order

This meeting was called to order at 5:20 p.m.

Additions or Modifications to Agenda

None

Approval of February 7, 2017 Minutes

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

Old Business

Kirkway & 'H' Plantings

Bornstedt reminded the board that plantings need to be accomplished by June 30th, within current budget year. Conversation ensued regarding past Parks Department tree planting projects in cooperation with the Tree Board. Collins commented that there is no formal plan for future joint projects.

Cedar Acres Park Playground Installation Preparations

Bornstedt gave an update to the board and shared some background on the project for the benefit of the guests in attendance: A \$15,000 grant from Ash Grove allowed for the purchase of playground equipment, now in storage awaiting installation provided by a grant from MACS, and scheduled to be completed May 18th-20th. MACS representatives will install a playground structure about 35' x 35' appropriate for children in the age range of 5-12 years. It includes two slides as well as other climbing components. In addition, there will be a two-bay swing set, horseshoe pits and a new picnic table. Bornstedt shared a photo of the playground structure to be installed. Mosier explained that there is a playground improvement fund within the City's budget. She also explained the existence of Baker City's Parks Master Plan and how this plan and established park standards help determine which parks/neighborhoods to target for future improvement projects. Questions arose regarding specific potential projects such as adding a BBQ at the park(s). Mosier suggested approaching Lions Club for possible funding opportunities, as they have been an active partner with the City of Baker Parks Department on several completed projects. The neighborhood group plans to explore fundraising for a BBQ at Cedar Acres.

Jacoby reported on the status of motel accommodations for the MACS group. Out of four motels approached, the best offer was from The Sunridge with a discounted daily rate of \$75 per room. MACS indicated they will need 7 rooms for 3 nights. It was suggested that we check with more motels in town to see if a better deal can be made. It was noted that motel rooms had been donated in past years. Other donations that still need to be arranged include a breakfast (possibly provided by Sweet Wife Bakery), a dinner (possibly provided by Barley Browns), and coffee (possibly provided by Coffee Corral and Sorbenots). Nelson stated that a BBQ lunch will be provided by volunteers from the Lions Club and/or the Rotary Club. It was recommended that there be two shifts each day of about 5 volunteers to help with refreshments and garbage/clean-up. Bornstedt offered to include the guests present at this meeting in an email to the board when she has further details.

New Business

Bornstedt informed the board members that there was an issue at Geiser-Pollman Park over the weekend. The restrooms were somehow left unlocked and the public used the facilities. This caused a problem since there is no water service on at this time due to the building being winterized. There was some discussion about changing the locks if all key holders were not identified however there are no "slush" funds/discretionary money to hire a locksmith. Bornstedt said she will research the situation further.

Duman asked board members if they had received her email regarding "Go Get Funding.com". She has researched this site as well as "Go Fund Me". She set up an account for donations for park improvement projects through "Go Get Funding". There is a limited time the account remains open and she requested that the "Go Get Funding" link be put on the Parks' Facebook page.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:03 p.m. Next meeting will be April 3, 2017 at 5:15 p.m. at City Hall.