



Baker City Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

Regular Meeting

February 7, 2017

5:00 p.m.

City Council Chambers

Board Members Present: Lisa Jacoby, Mark Bogart, Jeff Nelson, Loran Joseph, Kim Mosier

Board Members Absent: Gail Duman, Linda Collins

Guests Present: none

Staff Present: Joyce Bornstedt, Fred Warner

Call to Order

This meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m.

Additions or Modifications to Agenda

None

Approval of October 18, 2016 Minutes

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

Old Business

Kirkway & 'H' Plantings

Bornstedt reported that two dogwood bushes, donated from a local residence were transplanted. Additional plantings will wait until spring. Bornstedt announced her intention to apply for a grant through Oregon Parks & Recreation for a restroom facility at Kirkway & H and asked for the board's feedback. Board consensus is to pursue the grant funds and to include the survey done identifying a restroom as a public need.

Dog Park

Marilyn Spicer of the Elks recently expressed interest in the dog park to Bornstedt and offered to help pursue a grant request of \$10K through the Elks National Foundation. The purpose of this grant is for "the well being of the community", and one condition of funding is that the local Elks members participate in the project. Discussion followed about the proposed dog park location and its benefits.

New Business

Cedar Acres Park Playground Installation Preparations

Bornstedt shared a tentative schedule/supply list from MACS regarding the playground installation. A group of 13-14 MACS representatives will be in Baker City to complete the work May 15th-18th. Bornstedt will get clarification regarding the number of volunteers needed and who will be responsible for some of the supplies. Jacoby approached the owner of several local motels regarding donated or discounted accommodations for the workers and is waiting for a response. There was discussion about providing meals, with suggestions of which businesses might be willing to donate these items. Mosier asked if board members could be tasked to organize donations for meals and motels, and coordinate a volunteer schedule. Warner asked about the budget for this project. Bornstedt informed him that \$15K was the amount available in the playground improvement fund for this project. Warner also questioned what equipment, material and supplies might be available from the city (such as concrete and gravel). It is anticipated city staff will contribute two days labor to site preparation; lay-out and dig holes. Joseph asked if the city could provide hard hats. Bornstedt said she will finalize the equipment needed, get estimates of costs, contact Jerry Burgess/MACS, then inform board members by email.

Bornstedt reported that she was contacted by a group looking for a community service project. This group is offering a cash contribution of \$300 in addition to one day's labor. Discussion followed about reaching out to neighbors of the park for additional volunteers. Joseph asked who/what was "MACS". Bornstedt explained that MACS is the maintenance and

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construction section of Oregon Recreation and Parks Association, and that the individuals completing this project consist of playground company representatives and people with a background in construction. A certified playground installer will be on site.

Sam-O Ice Rink

Bornstedt said she included this agenda item due to a request from Dennis Dougherty to attend this board meeting and talk about the ice rink at Sam-O, however he is not in attendance. Mr. Dougherty has been providing snow removal and maintaining the ice rink.

Other-Park related

Nelson reported a receipt of a grant for \$500 from Cultural Coalition for the proposed labyrinth at Central Park. Discussion followed about ideas for other Central Park projects to promote public use. It was noted that grant funding potential of Court Plaza project might be improved if certain issues were addressed at Central Park. Such as additional lighting and parking/access improvements. Adding a rose garden was mentioned. Gardens are part of the Central Park Master Plan.

Nelson also stated the Lions Club wants to have a breakfast fundraiser at Geiser-Pollman Park during the solar eclipse weekend, August 19th & 20th, 2017. Warner informed the board that an Eastern-Oregon wide group will be meeting on February 22nd regarding the solar eclipse event.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:02 p.m. Next meeting will be March 6, 2017 at 5:15 p.m. at City Hall.