



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

Regular Meeting

August 8, 2017

5:15 p.m.

Central Park

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

Board Members Absent: None

Guests Present: none

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 May 2, 2017 Minutes**

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

### **Old Business**

#### **Dog Park Updates**

Duman and Bornstedt announced that Baker City has been selected to receive "Bark for your Park" grant funds in the amount of \$25,000! The PetSafe corporation, sponsor of the award, has requested that no public announcement be made until they release their press blast around the 21st of August. Duman is working to organize a "Dog Jog" fun run/walk. This will take place on October 7, 2017 (During Fall Festival.) The starting point will be Central Park with the route traveling down the LAMP to Geiser Pollman then looping back either via Main or Resort Streets. Discussion ensued regarding sponsorships, prizes, t-shirts, etc. Nelson will contact Powder River Petfitters about prizes, and Nelson, Collins and Bogart will work together to secure sponsors for the event. The cost of sponsorship will be \$100. The sponsors will receive publicity and have their logo on the t-shirts. Duman will work to determine the cost of the t-shirts, find a printer, and set the event entry fees. Details will be finalized at the September meeting

#### **Kirkway & 'H' Plantings**

Collins indicated that some of the drip tubes were not providing water to the plants. She plans to stake down the ends of the tubes to keep them in the correct locations. She also commented that some anonymous volunteer has been weeding the area.

### **New Business**

#### **Central Park Amphitheatre Improvements**

Joseph explained that there have been several events recently utilizing the amphitheatre area at the park, including a concert and weekly family movie night. These events require electricity, and the only sources available now must come from the restroom facility or the picnic shelters. He indicated that there is a group of downtown people who are interested in raising the funds to have electricity installed to the amphitheatre area. Bornstedt provided an estimate for the work in the amount of \$2,889. Discussion ensued regarding phasing of amphitheatre improvements as designed in the Central Park conceptual plan including screening behind the stage and terraced seating on the face of the surrounding hill. The attendance was in support of moving forward and consented to have Joseph pursue fund raising for the installation of the electrical service.

### **Splash Pad**

Nelson and Bornstedt indicated that they had talked with Natural Structures about the logistics of constructing a splash pad/public art display at Central Park. The conceptual plan calls for a water feature of some type. Their research indicates that a splash pad/public art display may cost in the neighborhood of \$80,000. Bornstedt said that the project could be scaled to fit that budget, and that amount would be a good target for fundraising. Collins said that she would like to see features added for different age groups (2 - 5 year olds, and 6 and over.) Discussion ensued regarding splash pads, different methods of plumbing and possible maintenance costs. Nelson indicated that the Lion's Club has selected this for their next project, and will be pursuing funding including applying for grants.

### **Central Park Labyrinth Project**

The attendance visited the labyrinth site. Installation of the pavers is nearly complete, and the excavation is underway for the whispering wall. Dedication of the Baker City Labyrinth will be held on Saturday, August 19, 2017, at 10:00 a.m.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m. The next regular meeting will be on September 5, 2017, at 5:15 p.m.

### **To Do List**

- ▶ Dog Jog Prizes - Nelson
- ▶ Dog Jog Sponsors - Nelson, Collins, Bogart
- ▶ Dog Jog T-Shirts - Duman
- ▶ Dog Jog Flyers and Registration Forms - Bornstedt
- ▶ Central Park Amphitheatre Electrical Fundraising - Joseph
- ▶ Splash Park Fundraising - Nelson, Bogart (Lions)