



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

Regular Meeting

April 14, 2015

5:30 p.m.

Board Members Present at the Meeting: Rick Taylor, Jeff Nelson, Lisa Jacoby, Linda Collins, Gail Duman

Board Members Absent: Mike Clark, Kim Mosier

Guests Present: None

Staff Present: Joyce Bornstedt

### **Additions or Modifications to Agenda**

South Baker Park tree selections and locations need to be discussed. Collins and Clark had worked with Tree Board member Button on the project details.

### **Approval of February 17, 2015 Minutes**

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

### **New Business**

#### **Cultural Coalition Grant for Signage at Geiser Pollman Park - Update**

Jacoby presented the conceptual drawing of the sign to be placed at the Geiser Pollman Park playground, utilizing funds received from the Baker County Cultural Coalitions grant. She indicated that she is working with Oregon Sign Company, and they thought they could complete the work for \$500 so there would not be a need to apply for an additional grant. The sign shows an Oregon Trail scene with cut outs on heads of the two children and the ox for children to put their faces in to be photographed. After discussion, Collins suggested that the cut-outs could be varying heights to accommodate different sizes and ages of children. Jacoby said that text will be added to the sign using FAQ's from the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center which are geared toward children.

A motion was made by Nelson with a second by Duman to move forward with the project. All voted in favor.

#### **Leo Adler Fitness Zone - Lions Club Project Update**

Taylor reported that approximately \$4,100 had been collected for the project including a \$3,500 LEO grant. Board discussed possibility for need for electric service for security camera installation. It is possible that a solar powered system could be utilized instead. The City is planning to complete the excavation of the site and will provide engineered wood fiber surfacing. The side bordering the pathway doesn't have curbing to retain the surfacing, but there is a possibility that one of the classes at Baker Technical Institute will be able to provide that for a class project.

### **Old Business**

#### **Parks Master Plan Progress Update**

Bornstedt reported that chapters 1 and 6 as well as appendices A and C have been received from the consultant for review. Chapter 1 and Appendix A have been returned to the consultant with revisions. Collins indicated that she had sent an e-mail indicating that she was willing to help with the review. Bornstedt will forward all future drafts to her as well as Jacoby for review and comment.

#### **Leo Adler Memorial Parkway Expansion and Trailhead Development Update**

Bornstedt reported that that an asbestos assessment had been completed for the house at 945 Resort Street that will be demolished in order to construct the trail head. Asbestos was discovered, and she is working to secure and

asbestos abatement firm to complete removal so that the project can move forward. She also indicated that Public Works had been working on clearing and grubbing of the pathway section. The City is cooperating with the local Elks Lodge to address removal/relocation of several amenities including a fence, horseshoe pits, and barbecue vault.

### **Tree Board Project**

Bornstedt said that Tree Board liaison, Jennifer Murphy, had inquire regarding tree selections and locations for the Tree Board Project for the Parks Department. Collins indicated that South Baker Park was selected, and that three Class 3 trees were to be planted. Two will be located on the Canal Street side, and one on the Colorado Street side. She further said that a specific species was not selected, and that staff could make that determination. Bornstedt reported that it is possible that Parks and Rec Board members would be needed to assist in planting. She will keep them posted as the planting date is determined.

### **Other Business**

Bornstedt reported that Randy Daugherty had made a request to install a security fence and lighting along the north border of Central Park. This border abuts Mr. Daugherty's property. Bornstedt indicated that she had invited Mr. Daugherty to the meeting to present the request, but he chose not to. She further stated that security fencing is not in line with the decorative screening that is called for on the Central Park preferred conceptual plan.

### **Adjournment**

With no other business the meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m. The next meeting will be May 12, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at Baker City Hall.

### **To Do List**

- Plant trees at South Baker Park - All Board Members
- Review master plan chapters as they are submitted - Jacoby, Bornstedt, Collins
- Cultural Playground Signage at Geiser Pollman Park - Jacoby, Bornstedt