



Baker City Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

Regular Meeting

April 15, 2014

5:30 p.m.

Board Members Present at the Meeting: Rick Taylor, Linda Collins, Mike Clark, Jeff Nelson , Lisa Jacoby, Jim Horan, Kim Mosier

Board Members Absent: None

Guests Present: Marilyn Sumano

Staff Present: Joyce Bornstedt

Additions or Modifications to Agenda

None

Approval of February 18, 2014 Minutes

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

New Business

Ms. Bornstedt reported that Gail Duman has taken on the task of resurrecting the effort to build a dog park in Baker City. Ms. Bornstedt indicated that she had toured some potential sites with Ms. Duman, and they concurred that the Sam-O Park area has the most potential. Ms. Duman will be entering the City in the "Bark for Your Park" contest again, and is asking for Board support for the project. Once she has Board consent, she will contact the City Councilors to ask for their support as well.

A motion was made by Mr. Nelson with a second by Mrs. Collins to support the effort to build a dog park in Baker City. All voted in favor.

Old Business

Playground Improvement Update

The Board discussed the schedule for installation of the playground including moving the materials to the park on Sunday, May 11. The construction will begin on Monday, May 12. Ms. Bornstedt indicated that Steve Haberle and Orchard Wood Products had donated warehouse space to store the surfacing materials until they are moved to the site. They have also been unloading the trucks and inventorying the materials as they come in. Discussion ensued. Discussion continued regarding the number of volunteers who had signed up, the Powder River Correctional Facility crews, and other possible labor needs and resources.

The Board further discussed whether any of the playground equipment that was being removed could be placed in one of the community parks. Ms. Bornstedt said that there were several factors that would play into that including the condition of the equipment when it is removed, whether it meets current playground safety standards for public parks, and if funds are available to provide adequate surfacing for fall protection.

Ms. Bornstedt then introduced Ms. Sumano. She is a nursing student currently doing her practicum at the Baker County Health Department. She had called Ms. Bornstedt earlier in the day to talk about possible avenues for improvement of South Baker Park. The Board and Ms. Sumano discussed ways to involve the neighborhoods in improving the neighborhood parks. Ms. Sumano also had some maintenance concerns with that park in regards to the swings. Ms. Bornstedt said she would check into the possible issues. Discussion continued regarding playground improvements, funding strategies, etc. Mr. Taylor said there would not be a meeting in May as the Board will be helping with the playground build.

Parks Master Plan - Work Session

Mr. Taylor provided an updated draft of chapter 6, "Funding Strategies". The Board reviewed the changes and discussed further information needed to complete this chapter. Board members have not completed the proposed improvements assignments for this chapter. It was decided to table the chapter 6 review until the assignments are complete. The dog park should be included with the Sam-O improvements, and the band shelter should be included with the Geiser Pollman improvements.

Adjournment

With no other business the meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m. The next meeting will be held in June. The date will be determined later.

To Do List

- Chapter 6 - Proposed improvements Riverpark - Nelson
- Chapter 6 - Proposed improvements Kirkway & 'H', Kirkway & Hughes, & Geiser Pollman - Collins
- Chapter 6 - Proposed improvements South Baker & Cedar Acres - Jacoby
- Chapter 6 - Proposed improvements Leo Adler Parkway - Clark
- Chapter 6 - Proposed improvements Central Park & Lions Memorial Park - Taylor
- Chapter 6 - Proposed improvements Sam-O - Horan