



Baker City Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

Regular Meeting

May 12, 2015

5:30 p.m.

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

Board Members Absent: Mike Clark

Guests Present: None

Staff Present: Joyce Bornstedt

Additions or Modifications to Agenda

Duman commented that old business should come before new business in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order. After some discussion, Mosier suggested simply modifying the agenda to conduct old business first. All agreed.

Approval of April 14, 2015 Minutes

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

Old Business

Parks Master Plan Progress Update

Bornstedt reported that a complete document has been received from the consultant for final review. Mosier asked that table 6.11 of the last draft she had be modified to lump the options for funding sources for each item so that it doesn't look like a particular item would received funding from only one potential source. Bornstedt indicated that the table had been moved to an appendix that is under review, but that she would make sure that Mosier's request is reflected. Collins said that she had reviewed the complete document draft and her only comment is to check for consistency of bullets, etc., throughout the document. Jacoby indicated that she had submitted her comments as well. Bornstedt asked if the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board would like for the document to come back to them for approval before presentation to the City Council. The consensus was no.

Daugherty Fence

Duman asked why the City was unwilling to participate in funding the fence for Randy Daugherty's property adjacent to Central Park. Mosier indicated that doing so could establish a precedent that if another property owner wanted to construct a fence adjacent to any park, they could request City participation. Discussion ensued regarding the Central Park Conceptual Plan calling for decorative screening. It was also noted that the City does not have a policy of fencing City parks. Taylor indicated that although he thought the project was a good idea initially, he can see in retrospect that it is probably not a project for the Parks Department and that it is not in line with the Central Park plan. He said he does not intend to present the project to the Budget Board.

Leo Adler Memorial Parkway Expansion and Trailhead Development Update

Bornstedt reported that the asbestos abatement was complete for the house at 945 Resort, and that it had been demolished to make way for trail head and parking construction. She indicated that the paving bid had been advertised with a closing date of June 2, 2015. She is expecting that paving will be completed around the middle of July. She also indicated that the Lions will be donating a picnic table to the project. Because of space constraints, a shelter will not be installed.

Leo Adler Fitness Zone - Lions Club Project Update

Taylor presented the conceptual plan for the fitness zone. He also reported that approximately \$5,100 in private funds had been donated in addition to the \$3,500 LEO grant and \$1,000 Lions Club contribution. The City will provide security lighting, excavation, and surfacing. Taylor said that the Lions are looking at a June-July installation window.

Tree Board Project

Bornstedt indicated that there had been some difficulty procuring trees. She was hoping that perhaps there may be some local resources for the trees, and that they are looking at a possible week of May 18 - May 21 planting as a cooperative effort between the Parks and Rec Board and the Tree Board.

New Business

Bark for Your Park Dog Park Contest

Duman said that the annual Bark for Your Park contest will be starting soon. She said that there are two ways to vote each day. She indicated that she would get Baker City signed up. She said that the City only missed the finals by around 50 votes last year. The board discussed the difficulty in voting. Bornstedt suggested that Duman put together a step by step voting process that could be distributed around the community. Discussion continued about ways to get the word out and make the contest more successful.

Adjournment

With no other business the meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m. The next meeting will be June 16, 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