



Baker City Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

Regular Meeting

September 30, 2014

5:30 p.m.

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

Board Members Absent: Mike Clark, Jim Horan, Kim Mosier

Guests Present: None

Staff Present: Joyce Bornstedt

Additions or Modifications to Agenda

None

Approval of July 8, 2014 Minutes

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

New Business

Ms. Bornstedt gave a brief report on the inclusion of the undeveloped Court Street Plaza into the Parks Master Plan. She indicated that the City Council had requested the inclusion in order to possibly increase the utilization of a broader selection of funding sources for the development of the plaza into a park. Discussion ensued regarding the adopted conceptual plan for the plaza. Ms. Bornstedt indicated that she would provide a copy of the plan and would also send Mr. Taylor the dimensions of the area to be added. The Board concurred to add Court Street Plaza to the master plan as a pocket park.

Ms. Jacoby shared a catalog from Water Odyssey, a splash park supplier that contracts with Northwest Playground. She and Ms. Bornstedt explained that they are researching the possibility of adding a splash park as a water feature at Central Park. Ms. Bornstedt added that they are looking at possible designs that will serve a parallel purpose as public art. This may allow for a partnership between the Arts Commission and the Parks and Rec Board, and may open up additional funding sources as well.

Old Business

Ms. Bornstedt presented the latest copy of Chapter 6 of the Parks Master Plan with information added by Ms. Mosier. Mrs. Collins noted that she had submitted some information via e-mail that may not have been added. She will e-mail it again to Mr. Taylor. Discussion ensued about how to move forward with the plan. Several tasks need to be completed including updating all chapters to reflect projects completed since the Master Plan process was started, and editing the entire document to verify consistency and flow of terminology from chapter to chapter. A possible work session was discussed, but there were concerns about getting folks to participate when meeting attendance is sporadic at best for some members. Mr. Taylor indicated that he would like all members to proof read and red line their copies of all master plan chapters and bring notes regarding their findings to the next meeting.

Adjournment

With no other business the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m. The next meeting will be October 21, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at Baker City Hall.

To Do List

- Master Plan Review and update to all completed chapters. Bring changes/comments to the next meeting- All Board Members