



Baker City Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

Regular Meeting

January 11, 2016

5:30 p.m.

City Hall Council Chambers

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

Board Members Absent: Lisa Jacoby, Kim Mosier

Guests Present: Jared Johnson

Staff Present: Joyce Bornstedt

Additions or Modifications to Agenda

None

Approval of November 16, 2015 Minutes

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

Old Business

BMX Bike Park - Baker Loves Bikes

Jared Johnson, board member with Baker Loves Bikes, presented a draft MOU regarding construction and maintenance of a proposed BMX bike park. The proposed location is north of 'D' Street east of the Leo Adler Memorial Parkway. This area is part of the undeveloped Resort Street right of way. The Board reviewed the draft MOU and the conceptual bike park layouts provided by Mr. Johnson. A motion was made by Nelson with a second by Duman to support the development of the bike park. All voted in favor. Mr. Johnson will present the idea to the City Council at their regular meeting on January 26, 2016.

Adopt-A-Pathway

Taylor presented samples of programs for adopting parks and pathways from other cities. He asked what responsibilities should be included for those wanting to adopt sections of the pathway. The Board discussed expanding the program beyond just adoption of sections of the pathway to including adoption of parks areas as well. Collins said that she thought there should be separate categories for parks and pathways. All concurred that the responsibilities should include reporting problems or damages to City Staff. Other tasks identified included weed control and litter cleanup. All agreed that signage should be in place indicating the name of the individual or group caring for the section or area. Duman indicated that the program should be kept simple. Taylor will continue to work on a draft program for Baker City.

School Playground Equipment

Collins reported that she had talked with Betty Palmer regarding the play equipment at North Baker School. Ms. Palmer indicated that the school district would like to keep the equipment in place for the time being as the use of the North Baker School property is in flux at this time.

Conceptual Plans - Neighborhood Parks

The Board discussed the ideas for completing neighborhood surveys and possibly holding block parties for Cedar Acres and Riverpark Parks. The survey cards should ask the ages of the park users, and how often they use the park. There should also be a list of proposed amenities to prioritize for person taking the survey. The list of proposed amenities for Cedar Acres includes a bocci court, soccer field, basketball half-court, playground equipment, bike rack, and picnic table. The list of proposed amenities for Riverpark includes horseshoe pit, playground equipment,

picnic table, and entrance enhancements. South Baker Park also needs a permanent picnic table. Duman suggested that a proposal be presented to the Budget Board for playground improvements and picnic tables. After much discussion it was determined that the Board would work on putting together a budget presentation. Collins volunteered to research playground equipment ideas.

New Business

Oregon State Parks Grant - Court Plaza

Bornstedt informed the attendance that Baker City is preparing a grant application for the Oregon State Parks Local Government Grant Program (LGGP) to request funding to construct the Court Plaza Park.

Adjournment

With no other business the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m. The next meeting was scheduled for February 16, 2016, at 5:30 p.m. at Baker City Hall.

To Do List

Adopt-A-Pathway program development - Taylor

- ▶ Research possible playground improvement for Cedar Acres and Riverpark - Collins
- ▶ Prepare staff report for BMX bike park for January 26 Council meeting - Bornstedt
- ▶ Prepare budget request and presentation for Budget Board - All Board Members & Bornstedt