

Parks Advisory Board Meeting Minutes January 28, 2015

Present- Norma Hernandez, Grace Laman, Jessica Schleif, Peter O'Farrell, Andrew Fick, Tammy Loughran, Eric Halverson, Joe Miltengerger, Jim Holen, and Howard Rub

Guest- Mayor Arline LaMear, Ken Adee, Michelle Bisek and Brad Johnston.

Staff- Angela Cosby, Terra Patterson, and Jonah Dart-McLean

Meeting was called to Order at 6:47am by chairperson Norma Hernandez.

Chair Person Section

1. Grace Laman motioned to approve the minutes, Tammy Loughran seconded the motion. December minutes were approved.
2. What do you hear- Jim Holen talked about the proposed dog park site and feels it will be a great site for the park, Grace asked about letting the homeless people in Astoria shower at the aquatic center, Andrew Fick mentioned he's heard good things about the new Teen Zone and gotten questions about logistics, Jessica mentioned that she had heard that access to the center due to lack of pedestrian access, she also heard questions adding another community garden about and Howard complimented the pool staff on handling a 911 call.

Employee Recognition

1. Terra Patterson recognized Dee Rzewnicki as the January employee of the month.

Old Business

- A. Tammy gave a brief update on the Parks foundation. The foundation assisted with the Ford Family Foundation Teen Zone, it has opened and the grand opening was Friday.
- B. The McLure Park project was reviewed and will go to council in February.
- C. Jonah discussed putting the task force and arranging meeting times for the group to get together, he hopes to be able to report back to the board in February on progress.

New Business

1. Angela reviewed the dog park town hall meeting. The majority of the attendees were Alderbrook residents, They were as a whole, not supportive of the dog park being located in that particular area. She reviewed comments and feedback received at the meeting and went through the survey results.
2. Angela asked the board if they felt comfortable making a recommendation to city council on the Dog Park issue. Howard recommended postponing a vote in fairness to the new board to obtain a little more information. Angela will forward more information and history of the project to the board.
3. The recreation department set new goals for the upcoming 2015-16 fiscal year. Angela reviewed the goal setting process and recommendations made to city council. The top 5 goals set were to adjust to growing pains, aquatic center capital repairs, improve operations at Ocean View Cemetery, establish a Parks and Recreation master plan, and to incorporate a POS and registration software system.
4. Angela reviewed grants submitted for the pedestrian Wayfinding concept plan.

5. Angela discussed the new department website which launched this month.
6. The wireless communications tower relocation from the Column area to Shively Park. Angela reviewed the needs to move the tower and discussed the history of the project. As well as the impact to Shively Park. Police Chief Johnston discussed the location and minimal possibility of trees coming down next to the proposed sight. Brad discussed other options that were explored; this was the most feasible site of all options reviewed. The board discussed feedback, Eric Halverson made a motion to recommend the project to city council, Jim Holen seconded the motion. The board voted, all were in favor but one.
7. Angela reviewed the department reports.
8. Upcoming events were reviewed. Chip-in events will resume in March.

Next meeting will be held Wednesday, February 25, 2015 at 6:45am