

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES

JULY 14, 2010

- Members present: Charles Maynard, Jonathon Brooks, Bette Lang, Larry Dennis, Kim Ries-Ashley, Charlene Rios and Brian Dano
- Members absent: Hilda Grant and Brent Kirwan
- Staff present: Lori Moholt-Phillips and Diana McKinsey
- Guest present: Freya Hart, Museum Manager and Ann Golden, Museum Curator

2010 MEETING ATTENDANCE RECORD

Name	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Dano, B	X	X	E	C	X	C	X					
Brooks, J	X	X	X	C	X	C	X					
Dennis, L	X	X	X	C	X	C	X					
Grant, H	X	X	X	C	E	C	E					
Kirwan, B	X	X	E	C	E	C	E					
Lang, B	X	X	X	C	X	C	X					
Maynard, C	X	X	X	C	X	C	X					
Ries-Ashley, K	E	X	O	C	X	C	X					
Rios, C	X	X	X	C	E	C	X					

C=meeting canceled X=present O=absent E=excused R=resigned

Call Meeting to Order

The regular meeting was called to order by Chair Larry Dennis at 7:04 p.m.

Introduction of Guests/Visitors

Mr. Dennis welcomed Freya Hart, MAC Manager, and Ann Golden, Museum Curator to the meeting.

Approval of Minutes of Prior Meeting

Mr. Maynard moved the minutes of May 12, 2010 be approved as submitted. Seconded by Mrs. Lang and approved unanimously.

Plat Reviews/Dedication, or Fee in Lieu, of Land – Monthly Update –

None

Museum & Art Center/City Hall Expansion Update – Freya Hart

Freya Hart, MAC Manager, reported that class offerings have expanded with art opportunities offered in a variety of mediums, as well as a number of science programs and that the museum store has also grown considerably.

Ms. Hart stated that last September she, Spencer Grigg, Parks and Recreation Director, Lori Moholt-Phillips, Recreation Superintendent and Ann Golden, Museum Curator, visited Seattle to interview with Pacific Studio regarding the possibility of contracting with them to design the permanent exhibit space in the new museum. Pacific Studio has designed gallery spaces all over the nation. Staff is currently working on an exhibit design matrix to identify what areas will be constructed in-house and what areas will need to be contracted. Ms. Hart explained that the museum plans to do a soft opening prior to the January 2012 opening.

Ms. Moholt-Phillips stated that \$300,000 has been budgeted for the interior design of the museum. Progress on the construction of the new museum and city hall expansion can be watched live on the city website at ci.moses-lake.wa.us. The flowrider at the Surf n’ Slide Water Park can also be viewed on the city website.

Commissioners shared their enthusiasm for the project and asked to be updated as it progresses.

Ms. Moholt-Phillips complimented Freya Hart and Ann Golden for doing a great job. The MAC has the largest number of classes that have ever been offered and the store is growing steadily.

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Director's Report

Ms. Moholt-Phillips reported that Roland Gonzales, Parks Superintendent, has applied for a RCO Grant to develop Lower Peninsula Park. Mr. Gonzales has requested a letter in support of the project from the commission. He and Bill Aukett, Maintenance Technician, are putting together a power point proposal for a \$500,000 matching grant to be presented in August. The proposal to develop Lower Peninsula Park would include a disc golf course, playground, picnic shelter, basketball court, parking area and a green space for soccer. Currently the park amenities consist of a boat launch, pit toilet and a fabricated restroom. The area is in need of a neighborhood park with new housing developments and the newly built Sage Point Elementary School being built over the past few years. City Council has given their support and allocated funding if the grant is received, and a public meeting was held at Lower Peninsula Park with support given by community members.

After some discussion, it was the consensus of the commission to write a letter in support of the grant application for Lower Peninsula Park.

Action Taken

Mr. Maynard moved to have a letter written on behalf of the commission in support of the RCO Grant application for Lower Peninsula Park. Seconded by Mr. Dano and passed unanimously.

Ms. Moholt-Phillips stated Susan Schwiesow, Recreation Supervisor, successfully hosted the 12 and Under Girls State Softball Tournament, The 4th of July kick off of the Summer Concert Series was a great success along with the community picnic. Over 1,500 people were served lunch, attended the concert and watched fireworks. There have been two movies in the park so far, with another scheduled for this Friday. The city hosted a Flowrider Competition, as a venue in Idaho backed out of the Flow Tour at the last minute. Even with the short notice there were 32 participants some of which came from Florida, Idaho, Virginia and Oregon and were professional riders. The FlowTour has 20 stops all over the U.S., and the city has a verbal commitment to be a part of the Flow Tour in 2011. Coming events include the Manta Ray Swim Meet, Cal Ripken and Men's Baseball, BMX competition, the Blue Grass Festival and Pig Out in McCosh Park.

Mrs. Lang noted that there didn't seem to be many local vendors for the Pig Out event. Ms. Moholt-Phillips responded that many of the local restaurants are not set up with vending equipment, and are open at their locations during the event.

Recreation staff is in the middle of football, volleyball, and soccer camps with Girls' Softball League starting up soon. Tom Los, Recreation/Aquatic Supervisor, is doing a great job managing the large staff at the water park and the Surf Shop has gone from high end items to low cost items that sell.

Commission Questions and Comments

Mr. Dennis commented that Yonezawa Park looks wonderful, and Mrs. Lang stated Dano Park looks much better since the proper amount of time has passed for the weeds to be sprayed.

Mrs. Lang asked how the Busby Building Project was coming along. Ms. Moholt-Phillips replied that staff was still working on attaining the proper permits.

Action Taken

Mr. Dano moved to suspend the August meeting. Seconded by Mrs. Ries-Ashley, and passed unanimously.

Adjournment

Mrs. Rios moved to adjourn, seconded by Mrs. Ries-Ashley, meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.