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PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES

October 20th, 2014 – 5:30 p.m.

COMMUNITY ROOM - LIBRARY

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Scott Cranston, Chair
Mike McDowell
Jim Lien
Dave Patzer
Ron Edinger
Maxwell Evans, Student Representative
Maya Burgess, Alt. Student Representative

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Ginny Tate
Bridget Hill

STAFF PRESENT:

Bill Greenwood, Parks Director
Steve Anthony, Recreation Director
Chenoa Dahlberg, Administrative Assistant
Mike Kempton, Parks Lead Worker
Mike Gridley, City Attorney

GUESTS:

Terry Godbout
Chet Gaede

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Cranston called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL

Seven members were present, resulting in an official quorum.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Edinger led the pledge of allegiance.

3. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner McDowell made a recommendation to approve the August 18th, 2014 minutes. Commissioner Edinger seconded the motion. The only discussion was a change to item # 3 'conflict of interest' to reflect the item number that Councilmen Edinger was referring to. All were in favor of the motion with amendment to minutes so motion was passed.

5. STAFF COMMENTS

Commissioner Cranston announced to the commission that the Park and Recreation departments had been combined as of the beginning of the current fiscal year and were now under the direction of Steve Anthony. Steve explained that the decision was made by Mayor and Council and he feels blessed to be coming in with such a great staff. He thanked Bill Greenwood for coming in to interim Parks Director during a tough time and was grateful he stepped up and worked as a team. Steve gave big kudos to Bill for an excellent job well done.

Steve gave an update on the McEuen Park Donor Wall, add that on Wednesday October 22nd there would be a recognition ceremony at Noon and all were invited. He

added that there is still an opportunity to donate and that the donor form can be found on the Panhandle Parks Foundation website. He also touched on the Veterans Day celebration that was being planned on November 11th at 2 p.m. in the Veteran's Plaza. He referenced the City website for more information. He gave an update on the Recreation programs available for winter and the registration dates. He spoke about the Jewett House renovations and asked the Commission to stop by and take a look. Commissioner Patzer asked if Steve was still the staff Liaison to the Arts Commission. Steve stated that for the time being it still is. Steve also mentioned that Bill Greenwood was working with the sundial group.

6. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Cranston introduced the two new student reps and invited them to speak about themselves and their interests.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

8. BLM/ 4 CORNERS MASTER PLAN PRESENTATION

Bill Greenwood gave an update on the master planning status and information on the open house (workshops for public). He stated that a presentation would be made in the coming months before the Commission and City Council. He added that the team has met with user groups and is still working with some. Commissioner Cranston added that they are currently in transition to get all input put onto an overview in a power point. Commissioner Lien asked what the team was looking at. Bill stated that they are framing the area and listing locations that are the best choices based on information received to date. He added that some changes have occurred due to new ideas. He added that all information is input at this point and conceptual, nothing is set in stone. Commissioner Cranston spoke about the process and timeline and Bill answered where the information could be found to find out what is going on with the process. Councilmen Edinger asked if the meetings had included any of the 4 Corners groups. Bill stated that Yes, there were meetings with most of those folks and that good information was gathered. There was a discussion about who was met with thus far and some of the outcomes.

9. SPOKANE RIVER CORRIDOR UPDATE

Commissioner Cranston introduced the group and their power point presentation to the commission and public. Steve introduced Chet Gaede and Terry Godbout who would be giving the presentation. He added that Mike Gridley was also present to answer any legal questions. He added that there would be a workshop coming up with City Council on this topic. Terry started by describing the area of property that the committee was setup to review. He spoke about the parcels involved and the number of apartments in the vicinity that were adding a huge population to this part of the City. He referenced the current comprehensive plan and policies and referenced the Riverstone Development. He referenced the public boardwalk and the parks master plan. He spoke about the park space along the Spokane River area that is in the Parks Master Plan as well as the Vision 2030 documents. "It is clear that the public wants water access" Terry stated. He then showed a slide of Kendall Yards in Spokane, WA and referenced the 'proximity principle' and the goals he was looking for the City to have in controlling the shoreline area. He read aloud the resolution that the group would like to see passed by City Council and asked them to consider maximizing the public acquisition. Chet Gaede then took over and finished the presentation by explaining what the committee was tasked with doing and suggested a 3-step system to make this happen. Commissioner Patzer asked Chet what acreage the City should be looking at acquiring and Chet said that there isn't an exact count due to variations in value. Chet stated that they were seeking to protect public process to get what should be done with the riverfront. Terry then

spoke about the parcels, which had been annexed and which were in the County. He also spoke about water access from each. Commissioner Cranston invited Mike Gridley to the table for updates on the acquisition of the railroad property. Mike explained that there was a title company meeting and they are working through the documents and process. He added that BNSF about them doing testing along the site since it may become residential property at some point. He added that a survey is being requested to establish boundaries, easements, etc... and that the language of the agreement is still being worked on. There are also ongoing discussions with Lance Douglass about a possible exchange. He added that there is a requirement for them to submit a P.U.D., and that they are waiting to see what happens with the Stimson property. He added that Lance Douglass is talking about multi-family housing and development. Commissioner Patzer asked if there was any contact with Stimson. Mike added that Stimson wants to sell but that no formal offers have come in yet. There were no further questions from the Commission. Steve announced that the City Council workshop to discuss this item would be on Tuesday October 28th at Noon in the Old Council Chambers at City Hall.

10. UTILITY BOX ARTWORK PRESENTATION

Steve Anthony presented a power point of the Arts Commission and the utility artwork update. He gave the history on the project and thanked the volunteers for their great work. He also added that this program has reduced the amount of vandalism to utility boxes along with bringing in many inquiries from all over the U.S. he showed the artwork that exists throughout town and that this is a 100% Inland Northwest artist project. The goal is for every signal box on public property to be covered in art and he is currently working on getting a corporate sponsor for funding. He added that he is currently working with the Ped/Bike Committee and the City GIS department to make a map and brochure, as well as QRC codes for the history and information on the artwork. Commissioner Cranston thanked Steve for his presentation and work on the Arts Commission.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Cranston announced the upcoming meetings:

- Tuesday November 4th, 2014 – JB's Restaurant - Noon
- Monday November 17th, 2014 - Community Room at the Library – 5:30 p.m.

Commissioner McDowell reminded the commission members to be sure and vote before or after their workshop on the 4th.

Councilmen Edinger made a motion to adjourn the meeting with Commissioner Patzer seconding the motion. All were in favor, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 6:46 p.m.