



# CITY OF COEUR D'ALENE

## PARKS DEPARTMENT

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### PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES

June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2013 – 5:30 p.m.  
COMMUNITY ROOM - LIBRARY

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Scott Cranston, Chair  
Mike McDowell, Vice Chair  
Dave Patzer  
Jim Lien  
Ginny Tate  
Mike Kennedy  
Mason Patzer, Student Representative

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Bridget Hill  
Addison Johnson

#### **STAFF PRESENT:**

Doug Eastwood, Parks Director  
Steve Anthony, Recreation Director  
Chenoa Dahlberg, Administrative Secretary  
Katie Kosanke, Urban Forestry Coordinator  
Bill Greenwood, Parks Superintendent

#### **GUESTS:**

Michael Walker  
Janna Paronto

**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 Tate led the pledge of allegiance.

#### **3. CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

There were no conflicts of interest.

#### **4. STAFF COMMENTS**

Doug Eastwood gave a power point presentation of the upcoming events in the parks and showed the available parking areas due to the McEuen Park Project. He also gave an update on the McEuen Park Project. Current projects include: Harbor House Construction; underground work being done for splash pad, playground components are underway and the 'green'ness of the park was explained as well. There were no questions of the Commission for Doug.

Steve Anthony reported the kick-off of his summer programs, including 41 teams in baseball; when the lifeguards would be on duty as well as the Sunday League and tournaments that were taking place. He spoke about the Summer Arts program and that 137 kids were enrolled at the Harding Center. He added that Skyhawks camps were starting this week and gave details on the Kiddie Parade. Steve also provided an update on the new lights at the Soccer Complex, and thanked Greenstone for their \$ 1,500 donation. There were no questions of Steve from the Commission.

## **5. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

Commissioner Patzer noted that Ray Stone had passed away today, and that the community had lost a good leader and advocate. There were many compliments by the Commission for Ray, and shared memories.

Commissioner Patzer asked Doug for an update on the American Legion and the new baseball field at Ramsey Park. Doug explained that a chart of 'equal or better' was completed and that it's good in every level. He stated that lots of compliments had been received and that he had some interest in different groups playing there.

## **6. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

## **7. PARKS DAY PRESENTATION**

Katie Kosanke, Urban Forestry Coordinator, gave a presentation and information with regards to the upcoming Parks Day Celebration in July. She provided history on the event as well as the fun and exciting activities scheduled for that day. There was a number of kudos to Katie and the Parks Day Committee from the Commission for the excellent work they do each year.

## **8. RAMSEY PARK BASEBALL FIELD NAMING OPPORTUNITY**

This item was tabled.

## **9. MEETINGS**

Commissioner Cranston announced the next workshop would be Tuesday July 2<sup>nd</sup> at 12 p.m. in the Old Council Chambers at City Hall. The next regularly scheduled meeting would be on Monday July 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. in the Library Community Room.

Motion was made at 6 p.m. by Commissioner Kennedy to recess into the workshop portion of tonight's meeting. Commissioner Tate seconded the motion, motion passed.

## **10. WORKSHOP: EDUCATION COORDIOR – BLM PROPERTY**

Commissioner Cranston called the workshop to order at 6:10 p.m. he started with introductions from the representatives of the Education Corridor. Doug then spoke about the BLM Property and the application for lease that was submitted. He explained that in order to lease the property a master plan was required. He added that this was also the perfect time to bring the 4 Corners area forward due to the interaction between the two sites. He spoke about the process and the various meetings that would be taking place in the coming months to collect data and ideas.

Rocky from LCSC and Mark from NIC had some ideas regarding a 'Joint Use' building along NW Boulevard for all the Higher Education entities to utilize. Their goal is also to connect the Education Corridor with the downtown area with the addition of various pedestrian paths. The building would house a Joint Use area for all entities to assist prospective students as well as a rec center and arts & culture area. They both want to see a 'green belt' area around the campus to enhance the appeal. Janna explained the difference for 'fee for use' activities and 'public outdoor recreation activities'. She explained that the uses must not be for profit. A Not-for-profit entity may be okay but not college buildings. She also explained that a parking lot for joint-use would be under a different office and application. Rocky asked about student housing and Janna explained that it would not be allowed. There was a question regarding having an access road to transport students to and from the Riverstone

area. Janna again stated that vehicle transportation would be under a different act and through a different office. Commissioner Patzer asked about Memorial Field and if the colleges had any objections to adjustments in the field layout. Mark added that the proximity and nostalgia are the key items when coaches are recruiting.

Commissioner McDowell made the motion to recess the meeting to the July 2<sup>nd</sup> workshop. Commissioner Patzer seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed at 7:02 p.m.