



# CITY OF COEUR D'ALENE

## PARKS DEPARTMENT

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### PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES

April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2013 – 5:30 P.M.  
COMMUNITY ROOM - LIBRARY

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Scott Cranston, Chair  
Mike McDowell, Vice Chair  
Jim Lien  
Mike Kennedy

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Dave Patzer  
Ginny Tate  
Bridget Hill  
Mason Patzer, Student Representative  
Addison Johnson, Alt. Student Rep.

#### **STAFF PRESENT:**

Steve Anthony, Recreation Director  
Bill Greenwood, Parks Superintendent  
Chenoa Dahlberg, Administrative Secretary

#### **GUESTS:**

Peter Grubb, ROW Adventures

#### **STAFF ABSENT:**

Doug Eastwood, Parks Director

**CALL TO ORDER:** Commissioner Cranston called the meeting to order at 5:37 p.m.

#### **1. ROLL CALL**

Four members were present, resulting in an official quorum.

#### **2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Commissioner McDowell led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **3. APPROVAL OF MARCH 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2013 MEETING MINUTES**

Commissioner McDowell made the motion to approve the March 2013 meeting minutes. Commissioner Kennedy seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion passed.

#### **4. CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

There were no conflicts of interest.

#### **5. STAFF COMMENTS**

Steve Anthony announced that it was the 1<sup>st</sup> night of Soccer Programs, and that Saturday was Picture Day. He spoke about the soccer clinic with Sting. He mentioned that the lights were in at the Soccer Complex. The Recreation Department had 780 kids sign up to make 61 teams as well as 100 kids in the mini kickers program. They have 109 kids currently enrolled in the indoor swim lessons at the McCrane Center. As for Softball there are 115 teams registered to date and the pre-season tournament is coming up this weekend. He stated they are expecting about 167 teams this year. He spoke about the "Be Outside" program that had taken place over spring break and that they had between 750 and 900 kids that participated. He talked about the various programs that were offered and thanked the community partners and the City of Post Falls for the joint efforts in this event. He announced that the Arts Commission was partnering with schools to work on the utility box projects. He said that the proposals were coming in and would be presented to the City Council. He also added that City

Council had approved alcohol to be allowed at the Jewett House. Stated that the Recreation Department is 'off and running for the summer'.

Bill Greenwood reported that the Osprey have returned to McEuen Park. He also spoke about the Ramsey Hardball Field and the work that was being done. He talked about the online reservation site that was launched and that people were using it. He talked about the upcoming Arbor Day Celebration and the wood chip mulch giveaway. The Arbor Day festivities were being held on April 27<sup>th</sup> this year and start at 9 a.m. he spoke about the button and poster art display as well as the free wood chip mulch giveaway, free seedlings and the pancake breakfast. He invited all to attend. Commissioner Kennedy asked about the key times that still needed to be completed for the Ramsey Hardball field. Bill stated that the asphalt and irrigation are to be completed by month's end. He gave an update of what had been completed to date and stated that it is coming along nicely. Commissioner Kennedy spoke about the meeting with American Legion that took place last week. He added how proud he is of the parks crew pulling together to get this project done. He feels this will be a great facility and thanked the staff. Commissioner Cranston also thanked Bill and his staff for the great work.

There were no further questions of the commission for Steve or Bill.

**6. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

None

**7. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**8. ALCOHOL PERMIT FOR 'SMOKE ON THE WATER' & TASTE OF COEUR D'ALENE'S**

Commissioner Cranston read aloud the staff report. Bill Greenwood added that this is 'site and event specific', that alcohol would not be allowed in general at the park. He added that the selling & serving in this type of event would require a licensed caterer. Commissioner McDowell added that he has done extensive research and feels that this is a good first and cautious step to try out. Commissioner Cranston added that this topic has been discussed thoroughly at 2 previous workshops. Commissioner McDowell also added that the events end by 9 p.m. so there should not be any late night issues. Bill Greenwood added that the Taste event usually closes down around 8:30.

Commissioner Kennedy made the motion to recommend to General Services/City Council the authorization of a site specific/event specific alcohol permit to the Panhandle Kiwanis Club and the Panhandle Parks Foundation for a beer garden at their respective annual events. Commissioner McDowell seconded the motion. Discussion: Commissioner Kennedy stated that they approached this very methodically and with 6 years of history at Riverstone. This will not be permitted to the general public, only a controlled environment for specific events. He added that this was a good additional step to let people enjoy responsibly in the parks. With no further discussion, motion passed unanimously.

**9. MEETINGS**

The next commission workshop will be held on Tuesday May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at JB's Restaurant.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Monday May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2013 in the Community Room at the Library.

Motion was made at 6 p.m. by Commissioner Lien to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Kennedy. Motion passed.