



CITY OF COEUR D'ALENE

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PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES

February 25th, 2013 – 5:30 P.M.

COMMUNITY ROOM - LIBRARY

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Scott Cranston, Chair
Mike McDowell, Vice Chair
Ginny Tate
Dave Patzer
Bridget Hill
Jim Lien
Mike Kennedy
Mason Patzer, Student Representative
Addison Johnson, Alt. Student Rep.

STAFF PRESENT:

Doug Eastwood, Parks Director
Steve Anthony, Recreation Director
Chenoa Dahlberg, Administrative Secretary
Monte McCully, Trails Coordinator

GUESTS:

Peter Grubb, ROW Adventures

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

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

1. ROLL CALL

Eight members were present, resulting in an official quorum.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Hill led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 17TH, 2012 MEETING MINUTES

Commissioner Patzer made the motion to approve the December meeting minutes. Commissioner McDowell seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion passed.

4. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

There were no conflicts of interest.

5. STAFF COMMENTS

Steve Anthony gave the report for the Recreation Department regarding current sports activities and registrations as well as upcoming activities. He spoke about the AAU tournament and swim lessons. He also updated the commission on the Umpire School that took place. He added that with Summer Softball registrations underway they would be trying something new this year to allow people who want to join a team. On April 4th they will have a practice game and then a Social at Paddy's in Coeur d'Alene. They are trying this to help people get onto teams as well as to encourage them to create new ones. He spoke about the "Be Unplugged" event that will be taking place statewide during Spring Break.

Doug Eastwood gave the report for the Parks Department. He spoke about the Tour of the BLM property and that possible brainstorming sessions would be taking place. He explained that the department currently had lots of projects going on.

There were no questions of the commission for Steve or Doug.

6. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

None

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

8. ROW ADVENTURES 3-YEAR AGREEMENT

Commissioner Cranston read aloud the staff report. Commissioner Cranston introduced Peter Grubb of ROW Adventures. Doug spoke about the annual contract versus a 3-year contract. Commissioner Patzer asked about the 5 % earnings and Doug explained what the amounts had been over the past few years. Commissioner Kennedy stated that he had not heard any complaints, only positive remarks. Peter spoke about the activities, permit restrictions and locations they take place along Lake Coeur d'Alene. Peter went on to discuss the positive impact the activities have for not only his business, but the City and local economy. Commissioner Hill added that she appreciates the opportunity and access this provides for not only visitors, but locals as well.

Commissioner Kennedy made the motion to recommend to General Services that City Council enter into a 3-year agreement with ROW Adventures. Commissioner Hill seconded this motion. All were in favor, motion passed unanimously.

9. CROSSWALK PILOT PROJECT

Monte McCully spoke about the Crosswalk Pilot Project that the Ped/Bike Committee had been working on. He gave a power point presentation and spoke about programs similar to this in various parts of the region. He discussed the 2 sites that are being used in the pilot project and why they were chosen. He added that the program will give pedestrians more visibility when crossing the street. He added that the two intersections will cost about \$ 180.00. Commissioner McDowell asked about funding. Monte explained that the initial funds would be coming out of Trail Maintenance Funds, but if the program grows it could be an 'adopt-a' program. Commissioner McDowell also asked about theft. Monte told the commission about the conversation he'd had with a Sargent in Ketchum, ID. Doug added that the flags would most likely have the city's logo on them.

10. MEETINGS

The next commission workshop will be held on Tuesday March 5th, 2013 at JB's Restaurant.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Monday March 18th, 2013 in the Community Room at the Library.

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