



CITY OF COEUR D'ALENE

PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES

December 21st, 2015 – 5:30 p.m.

COMMUNITY ROOM - LIBRARY

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Scott Cranston, Chair
Mike McDowell
Dave Patzer
Ron Edinger
Ginny Tate
Maxwell Evans, Student Representative

STAFF PRESENT:

Steve Anthony, Park & Rec Director
Bill Greenwood, Park Superintendent
Chenoa Dahlberg, Administrative Assistant

GUESTS:

Dell Hatch

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Jim Lien
Bridget Hill
Maya Burgess, Alt. Student Representative

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Cranston called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL

Six members were present, resulting in an official quorum.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Evans led the pledge of allegiance.

3. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None

4. STAFF COMMENTS

Steve Anthony announced the open gym dates over Christmas break and the introduction of open Pickleball at Venture High School. He announced that swim registrations would begin on Monday December 28th and spoke about other activities that were coming up.

Bill Greenwood gave an update on the windstorm. He spoke about the damages to the 1st Street Dock, Mooring Docks, Winton Park Restroom as well as the 25 park trees that were damaged and the assistance the Parks Department staff providing to the Street Department in removal of over 150 trees that were in the streets and roadways. He added that the BLM Master Plan was still being worked on.

5. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Cranston announced Steve Anthony's retirement and the event that would be taking place on Dec. 28th in the Community Room at the Library.

Councilmen Edinger asked about damages to the Jewett House. Steve explained that three trees hit the house during the storm and that the house is currently closed temporarily due to the need for engineering inspections. He said that the house is insured and that repairs and costs are being worked out.

Commissioner Cranston gave a big Thank You, along with the rest of the Commission and Steve Anthony, to the Parks Department crew for all their assistance and efforts in cleanup after the historic windstorm.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

7. MCEUEN ASLA MERIT AWARD

Steve Anthony introduced Dell Hatch. Dell gave a presentation and explanation of the submittal for an award for McEuen Park. They were given the Merit Award by the American Society of Landscape Architects in October. Dell presented the award and some photo boards to Steve Anthony and Bill Greenwood.

8. ECONOMIC IMPACT OF PARKS & RECREATION

Steve Anthony gave a power point presentation and explanation on How Cities Use Parks & Recreation for Economic Development. The six key points he spoke to were:

- Real Property Values are positively effected
- Municipal revenues are increased
- Affluent retirees are also attracted and retained
- Knowledgeable and talented workers are attracted to area
- Homebuyers are attracted to neighborhoods and vicinity
- Park & Recreation Department programs add to the local economy

Steve then gave a breakdown on the Parks & Recreation economic impact and discussed the existing programs and their success. He showed the upcoming projects for the departments and added that the "Future is bright in CDA". He gave his final list of goals and ongoing projects, adding that there is lots of opportunity.

9. RENEWAL OF TASTE OF COEUR D'ALENE'S AGREEMENT

Commissioner Cranston read the staff report aloud. Bill Greenwood added that this is a wonderful group to work with and there are no major changes in the agreement. Councilmen Edinger made a motion to renew the agreement with the Panhandle Kiwanis Club for the Taste of the Coeur d'Alene's event during the first weekend in August. Commissioner Tate seconded this motion: Discussion involved Commissioner McDowell noting that the funds raised at this event stay in the community and Commissioner Patzer thanking them for their event. Commissioner Patzer asked if there would be anyway to incorporate the new plaza into the event and Bill said it certainly can be done if they are interested in it. There being no further discussion the motion passed unanimously.

10. RENEWAL OF LAKE CDA CRUISE AGREEMENT

Commissioner Cranston read the staff report aloud. There being no discussion Commissioner Patzer made a motion to extend the lease agreement with Lake CDA Cruises. Councilmen Edinger seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion passed.

11. UPDATE ON MULLAN AVE DEVELOPMENT

Steve Anthony provided an update to the Commission on the Mullan Ave development project. Commissioner Cranston thanked Ignite CDA and noted that this project would not be possible without them. Steve added that the Carousel is working hard fundraising to get the carousel installed at the same time as this project.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Cranston asked for any final comments. Commissioner McDowell sincerely thanked Steve Anthony for his dedicated decades with the City. Commissioner Patzer thanked Steve for all the hard work and partnerships created over the years. Councilmen Edinger thanked Steve for always being there for the community.

Commissioner Cranston announced the upcoming meetings:

- Tuesday January 5th, 2016 – Old Council Chambers – City Hall
- Monday January 25th, 2016 – Community Room at the Library – 5:30 p.m.

Commissioner Cranston made a motion to adjourn the meeting with Councilmen Edinger seconding the motion. All were in favor, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.