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PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES

December 15th, 2014 – 5:30 p.m.

COMMUNITY ROOM - LIBRARY

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Scott Cranston, Chair
Mike McDowell
Jim Lien
Dave Patzer
Bridget Hill
Maxwell Evans, Student Representative

STAFF PRESENT:

Steve Anthony, Park & Rec Director
Bill Greenwood, Park & Rec Superintendent
Katie Kosanke, Urban Forestry Coordinator
Chenoa Dahlberg, Administrative Assistant

GUESTS:

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Ginny Tate
Ron Edinger
Maya Burgess, Alt. Student Representative

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

1. ROLL CALL

Six members were present, resulting in an official quorum.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Hill led the pledge of allegiance.

3. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Hill made a motion to approve the November minutes and Commissioner Patzer seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

5. STAFF COMMENTS

Steve Anthony gave an update on the Christmas break activities that would be coming up. He announced upcoming registration dates and activities that would be taking place in the coming months. He also added that the last piece of artwork had been installed in McEuen Park.

Bill Greenwood provided an update on the sundial project and that the East Tubbs Hill Accessible Trail project had been started by the contractor this week as well. He also noted that staff was assisting with tree trimming on the dike road, and will continue to assist as needed. Commissioner Cranston asked if the trail work would be ongoing, weather permitting and Bill answered yes. He explained it would be 4-6 weeks total and is being completed in 3 phases. He spoke about the bypass route around the work.

6. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Lien commended the work between the school district and City to work together for facility use.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

8. COST SHARE PRUNING PROGRAM

Commissioner Cranston read aloud the staff report. Katie Kosanke gave a detailed power point presentation about the current program, vision statement, Vision 2030 goals, what city assistance are currently available, program overview, goals, financial analysis and application process. She explained the importance of maintaining trees and both the environmental and economic benefits. Commissioner Patzer asked about the account balances and Katie explained the details. Commissioner Cranston read aloud the reimbursement process. Katie noted that HOA's are not able to apply. Steve Anthony spoke about the research that went into this and sees it as a success. Commissioner Patzer felt that this would be a great program and recognized how important trees are. Commissioner Cranston also stated he recognizes the importance of trees and that they are valuable infrastructure.

Commissioner Patzer made the motion to recommend to General Services that the City adopt a cost-share program to assist abutting property owners in maintaining trees growing within public right-of-ways in residential areas. Commissioner McDowell seconded this motion. All were in favor, motion passed.

9. NORTHSHIRE DOG PARK LEASE AGREEMENT

Commissioner Cranston read aloud the staff report. Bill Greenwood explained that this was a new lease agreement with the new property owner, and that the new property owners want to allow us to continue to use the property. Commissioner Cranston asked if all the legal issues had been resolved and Bill explained that everyone has reviewed the agreement and agreed upon the terms. Commissioner Hill asked about the new owners plans for the lot and Bill said there were none at this time. Commissioner Cranston thanked Grace Bible Church for allowing us continued use of the parcel. Commissioner Lien made the motion to recommend to General Services to enter into a lease agreement with Grace Bible Church for the use of their property for an off-leash dog park next to Northshire Park. Student Commissioner Evans seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion passed.

10. 4 CORNERS / BLM OPEN HOUSE UPDATE

Commissioner Cranston gave an update on the December 4th open house. He stated that 120 people attended and lots of feedback was received. He added that another workshop would be taking place in a few months that would go into more detail. Steve Anthony stated that the preliminary work done by the Park & Rec Commission has paid off and that BLM is comfortable with the partnership. Bill Greenwood stated that he feels good about the process and looks forward to the plan. Commissioner Patzer noted that updates are on the website so people can stay involved. Commissioner Cranston gave kudos to Keith Erickson for his hard work on the PR for this project.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Cranston announced the upcoming meetings:

- Tuesday January 6th, 2015 – JB's Restaurant - Noon
- Monday January 26th, 2015 - Community Room at the Library – 5:30 p.m.

Councilmen Patzer made a motion to adjourn the meeting with Student Commissioner Evans seconding the motion. All were in favor, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.