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PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES

May 19th, 2014 – 5:30 p.m.
COMMUNITY ROOM - LIBRARY

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Bridget Hill
Ron Edinger
Addison Johnson, Alt. Student Representative

STAFF PRESENT:

Steve Anthony, Recreation Director
Bill Greenwood, Parks Director
Katie Kosanke, Urban Forestry Coordinator
Chenoa Dahlberg, Administrative Assistant

GUESTS:

Steve James
Brad Marshall
Rick Sparks

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

Student Commissioner Patzer led the pledge of allegiance.

3. AMENDMENT TO AGENDA

Commissioner Cranston announced the changes to the agenda. Commissioner McDowell made the motion to amend the agenda, Commissioner Tate seconded. Motion Passed.

4. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

There were no conflicts of interest.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

This item was tabled until the next meeting.

6. STAFF COMMENTS

Steve Anthony thanked Jim Lien and the Rhythm Dawgs for performing at the SNR Dance and helping them raise \$ 2,000. He added that it was a fun event, everyone had a great time and that they are looking forward to doing it again next year. He thanked the Eagles for the use of their facility and mentioned he'd received lots of compliments on the event. He then gave info on the SNR Clubhouse for the 19+ age group. He announced the Jazz & Hip Hop camp, golf and tennis lessons, baseball and softball and also the Skyhawk's program. He added that there were a few swim lesson spots left as well.

Bill Greenwood announced the grand opening of McEuen Park on May 24th at 11 a.m. with a ribbon cutting ceremony and free music & lunch. He announced the splash pad's would be opening the coming weekend and also gave an update on Cemetery Staff hours for Memorial Day weekend. He gave kudos to the Water Dept. and spoke about the project that they assisted on.

7. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Patzer wished Councilmen Edinger good wishes and a speedy recovery. Commissioner Cranston seconded this.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

9. ARBOR DAY PRESENTATION

Katie Kosanke gave a power point presentation on the Arbor Day activities that had taken place last month. She showed photos and gave statistical information. She also presented awards to Girl Scout Troop 3003 and Cub Scout Pack 210 for their assistance in planting.

10. FUEL REDUCTION PROJECT – TUBBS HILL

Katie Kosanke gave a detailed power point presentation on the ladder fuel mitigation on Tubbs Hill. She provided contact info and that the project would be over a span of 3 weeks. Commissioner McDowell asked about how often the goats are moved on the hill. Katie stated that they can complete about an acre per day. Commissioner Cranston asked that there be lots of press and coverage on this.

11. 4 CORNERS/ BLM PROJECT SELECTION

Bill Greenwood announced the selection of Welch-Corner for the 4 Corners/ BLM project. Commissioner Cranston asked about the timeframe and Bill explained. Commissioner Patzer stated that he was impressed by all 3 local entities and their professional presentations, qualifications and expertise. He then acknowledged all three firms that had submitted proposals. Commissioner Cranston recognized the time and effort put into each presentation by the firms.

12. PROPOSED ART FOR MCEUEN PARK

Steve Anthony gave a power point presentation on the Arts Commission and the art pieces selected for McEuen Park. He detailed each piece and the locations in the park and gave an update on additional places for artwork. He thanked the donors and gave updates on other art events and activities that would be happening during the summer.

13. GREENSTONE LAND DONATION

Commissioner Cranston read aloud the staff report. Bill Greenwood showed the photo and where the property would adjoin the City's property. He added that this would double the available parking. There was a discussion about future development, buffer zones, right of ways and proximity and the installation of restrooms. Bill added that staff would be finishing the loop trail around the soccer complex. Commissioner Cranston asked about the install of the parking area and Bill stated it would be a joint in-house venture to get it completed. There was a discussion regarding the lighting and parking. Commissioner Patzer thanked Greenstone for the donation. Commissioner Patzer moved to accept the land donation as presented from Greenstone Kootenai. Commissioner Tate seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion passed.

14. SPONSORSHIPS

Commissioner Cranston read the staff report aloud. Bill Greenwood gave a history on the sponsorships and donations received to date. Commissioner Patzer asked if all donations were cash. Bill explained that all donations were in cash, with the exception of Intermax. He then spoke about signage and recognition. Motion was made by Commissioner McDowell and

seconded by Commissioner Lien to recommend to General Services the acceptance of the generous donations and naming & sponsorships. All were in favor, motion passed. Commissioner Patzer added that it was very neat to see the validation of what the cities doing is good for public/corporate compliments.

15. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Cranston recognized the government students that were present for tonight's meeting. Commissioner Patzer introduced the students and they each spoke about what is required in their class. The commissioners thanked them for attending the meeting.

Commissioner Cranston announced the upcoming meetings:

- Tuesday June 3rd at 12 p.m., Old Council Chambers – City Hall
- Monday June 16th at 5:30 p.m. in the Community Room at the Library.

Commissioner Patzer made a motion to adjourn the meeting with Student Commissioner Patzer seconding the motion. All were in favor, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 6:27 p.m.