



# CITY OF COEUR D'ALENE

## PARKS DEPARTMENT

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### PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES

September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2013 – 12 p.m.  
OLD COUNCIL CHAMBERS – CITY HALL

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Scott Cranston  
Ginny Tate

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Jim Lien  
Mike McDowell  
Dave Patzer  
Bridget Hill  
Mike Kennedy  
Mason Patzer, Student Rep.  
Addison Johnson, Alt. Student Rep.

#### **STAFF PRESENT:**

Doug Eastwood, Retired Parks Director  
Chenoa Dahlberg, Administrative Secretary  
Steve Anthony, Recreation Director  
Bill Greenwood, Interim Parks Director  
Woody McEvers, City Councilmen

#### **GUESTS:**

Janna Paronto, Todd Prescott, June McClain, Kim Stearns, Sandy Emerson, Chris Lauri, Dorothy Dahlgren, Ron Aires, John Bruning, Ann Melbourn, Annelisse Miller, Tina Johnson, Bev Moss, Kathy Arneson

**CALL TO ORDER:** Commissioner Cranston called the meeting to order at 12:04 p.m.

#### **1. POCKET PARK AT RIVERSTONE**

Bill Greenwood gave the Commission an update on the process with regards to the Pocket Park at Riverstone. He explained the change in layout and discussions that had taken place. He also noted that they had a master gardener now involved and he made a suggestion about having Whitewater Creek warranty their work rather than doing a 12-year maintenance agreement. The warranty would be for 3-5 years. Todd Prescott added that he is looking for an ok from the commission to move forward in the City's process. Bill added that there was additional information that was needed before the Commission could make a decision. Commissioner Cranston noted that the budget provided was not detailed enough and that if Todd could get the necessary info to staff that this item could be brought forward on the October 14<sup>th</sup> agenda. Scott did add that the more information Todd could provide, the better it would be for the Commission.

#### **2. BLM/ FOUR CORNERS**

Doug Eastwood asked for those present to introduce themselves, and then went into an overview of the project and a Power Point presentation. He added that this was the last group being met with in the process. He talked about the various ideas and requests that had come forward during the process, as well as the potential access points to the property. He showed how this BLM Corridor would interface with McEuen, 4 Corners and the Education Corridors. He then asked the adjacent property owners that were present if they had any thoughts or ideas, as well as any concerns. Ron Aires owns an RV park along the corridor and stated he's just been watching what's going on and waiting to see how it will affect him. Kathy Arneson asked about access

across Union Pacific property as well as dog water access. Commissioner Cranston explained there would be no vehicle traffic on the property, just access from existing roads into parking areas. Doug then spoke about KCDPA choosing an area that would best fit a dog park without a waterfront access point. Commissioner Cranston asked Ron to show where his property was on the map. Ron added that this is a rare and unique piece of land on the waterfront and that public use would be nice. He added that he has been in touch with Union Pacific to see what they are doing, but has gotten no response. Kathy added that she would like to see the property kept intact and a picnic shelter on the property. Tina Johnson added that vault toilets and a possible picnic shelter would be nice along the trail. Commissioner Cranston explained the BLM Criteria. Woody McEvers spoke about the placeholder at McEuen for a new skate park. He added that the skate park group would be interested in moving from Memorial Field and introduced Chris Lauri. Chris spoke about the skate park needing to be more included with family friendly park areas rather than tucked away and a place for shady things to take place. He is currently doing research to find out what other cities and areas have done with regards to fundraising for a new skate park. He then went on to talk about grants and foundations that would help fund new skate plaza projects. He then spoke about and provided info on, skate plazas versus skate parks. Bill mentioned that the department had been looking for someone who was involved with the skate park to assist in finding opportunities and fundraising for the new park. Commissioner Cranston then noted that turnover in the people interested in the skate park has affected the input process. Chris added that there is a family element that is needed to encourage parents to be there with their kids. He feels that McEuen is a perfect place to do this and that it will also enhance and have a positive financial impact on the downtown area as a whole. Commissioner Cranston suggested that Chris get a concept and budget put together and then bring it forward to begin fundraising. He added that we already have a placeholder; we just need funding to get the project done.

Commissioner Cranston announced the October 1<sup>st</sup> workshop at Noon in the Old Council Chambers and the regular meeting on October 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. in the Community Room at the Library.

The workshop was adjourned at 1:09 p.m.