

PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes – June 25, 2020 at 3:30 PM
Council Chambers

Members in Attendance:

Susan Jenkins (Chair)
Brian DeLaGrange (Vice Chair)
Jan Battersby
Cliff Kuhlman
Rick Chapman
Mark Collier
Dick Matti

City/Staff/Council Liaisons:

Tyler Flaming (City Councilor)
Wendy Giordano (Parks Superintendent)
Jayme Hyatt (PCD Office Assistant)

Guests:

Catherine Dennerlein
Travis Boersma
Kendra Leffis
Justin Gerlitz
Rick Riker
Dan Deyoung
Trish Parsats
Wendy Watkins
Chip Dennerlein
Valerie Lovelace

1. Roll Call:

- Chair Jenkins called the meeting to order at 3:30 pm and roll was taken.

2. Introductions: Today is Dick Matti's last day.

3. Public Comment:

- Several guests spoke out regarding the possibility of a dog park being added to Lawnridge Park. All of the guests who were present and spoke of the dog park feel it is a bad idea as the park is too small and too close to residences. One resident stated that her property line is right where the dog park would be and that she has health issues which stems from urine and feces.

4. Approval of Minutes

- Approval of minutes from March 12, 2020

MOTION/VOTE

Member Collier moved and Member Chapman seconded the motion to approve the minutes from March 12, 2020 as presented. The vote resulted as follows: "AYES": Chair Jenkins, Vice Chair DeLaGrange, Members Kuhlman, Collier, Chapman, Battersby and Matti. "NAYS": None. Abstain: None. Absent: None.
The motion passed.

5. Action Items:

- a. Beacon Hill Park naming request to Grant Park.** Nobody was present to speak about the Beacon Park renaming to Grant Park.

b. BMX park request at Beacon Hill Park. County Commissioner DeYoung spoke about the BMX track being added to Beacon Hill Park. He stated that he would like to see both the BMX track and a pump track. He also said that the noise could possibly be an issue.

Justin Gerlitz spoke about the wetlands in that area and stated that they needed 200 by 400 feet for the track. He also stated that the lights and sound would be directed towards the freeway and away from residents.

Member Battersby felt that there would be a lot of lighting and more traffic and noise. She said that it would need a lot of research before she would feel comfortable with it. She would like to research it more.

Vice Chair DeLaGrange was against a new park before because of budget cuts but with the BMX being added he feels like the City can develop the park for less money, but the city is giving up public lands for private use.

MOTION/VOTE

**Member Chapman moved and member Kuhlman seconded the motion to approve exploring the BMX Concept. The vote resulted as follows: “AYES”: Chair Jenkins, Vice Chair DeLaGrange, Members Kuhlman, Collier, Chapman, Battersby and Matti. “NAYS”: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None.
The motion passed.**

c. Caveman Pool Discussion ~ Continued. The Committee suggested the possibility of Wendy doing a survey to start with to see where the public is at. Brian stated that he would like someone to clarify what a feasibility study would involve. Susan wanted to know what the \$50,000 for a professional consultant will get us.

d. Committee member make-up/diversity. Councilor Flaming stated that the committee represents all user groups. Dick Matti stated that it doesn't matter what specific user group you are a part of, everybody needs to be looking to serve the community with all users in mind not just your personal interests.

6. Matters from Committee Members and Staff:

a. Wendy discussed that the Lawnridge idea is in the very beginning stages of the process. The survey went out to get input from the neighborhood on the draft concepts.

7. Future Agenda Building for Next Meeting:

- Lawnridge Park follow up.

8. Adjournment

- Susan Jenkins adjourned the meeting at 4:57 p.m.

Next scheduled meeting: July 9, 2020

Minute notes provided by City Staff and minutes prepared by Jayme Hyatt PCD (Parks and Community Development) Office Assistant.