



Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Minutes

Thursday September 19, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 635pm with the following park board members in attendance:

Board Members present: Jason Benson, Elizabeth Detillion, John Semrau, Tim Manns, and Chris Allen.

Staff Members and Representatives: Brian Adams and Consultant Patrik Dylan.

Agenda and Minutes:

Motion was made and seconded to accept the July minutes and September Agenda, as amended prior to the meeting. Both passed unanimously.

Board Discussion

Chapter 10 Review:

Patrik shared the chapter 10 updates and additions with the Board. The chapter was reviewed paragraph by paragraph and changes were recommended. The primary questions: is the list whole and are the projects ranked/categorized properly.

The Board brought up Big Rock and whether it should be elevated as a number #1 priority need. After a healthy discussion, it was determined that the project should indeed be categorized as a number 1 priority need. HMSP improvements were moved from a category 3 to a category 2 need. John mentioned our focus to "take care of what we have" as a focal point for our prioritization. The improvements for NSRA were questioned and categorized by the amenity. Trails are a number 1 need, ballfields are a number 3 need, and everything else at NSRA is a number 2 need.

Jason brought up the shooting range and a discussion ensued. John helped bring the board up to speed on the history of the concept. After a short discussion, the range stayed as a number 3 need. Jason questioned the need for the parks playing a role with what may be better served by the private sector. As a former employee of Whatcom County, Jason knew the issues and level of attention the facility requires. Jason wasn't placing a value judgement on the activity, proclaiming emphatically, "I shoot myself."

All changes to chapter 10 will be made before the next meeting and reviewed one last time before it's sent on to the Board of County Commissioners.

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Adjourn.

Next Meetings: September 19