



Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Minutes

Thursday, November 19, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 6:35pm with the following park board members in attendance:

Elizabeth Detillion, John Semrau, Kevin Loy, Mike Elde, Chris Allen, Ralph Rowland, and Tim Manns.

Staff Member: Brian Adams

There were no additional matters raised by the public, beyond issues already on the agenda.

Board Discussion

Northern State Gateway Center EIS Letter:

The Gateway Center will not be asking to place a road through the park, at least initially. Peter Janicki proposed placing a byproduct of their operations into our park. They are hoping to discharge Phosphorous, Nitrogen, and Potassium. They will have to propose what the intentions are and how this could be done in a way to compliment the facility. An arboretum concept was discussed.

Helmick State Mitigation

The letter from the board was discussed and signed. Brian will send to RCO.

Prioritizing Acquisitions

Brian shared the list. We'll be waiting on budget decisions before it is finalized.

Mural:

The costs of restoration are anticipated to be around 50k--MONA will select their preference at their December meeting. The contract allows for the mural to be shared and displayed at other public buildings, specifically naming SVC as a possible satellite location. Skagit County, Burlington School District, and MONA will be involved in future exhibition plans/decisions.

Staff Report:

NSRA Veterans' Park

We believe we will get a reprieve from placing a fire hydrant during phase I of the development. We are researching options for a metal shelter and will have some pricing shortly. The phase I portion of the development will include the

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shelter and plaza. While we are working on getting the building permit, we'll be pursuing the waterline extension.

Tursi Trail

Construction is underway. The commemoration is scheduled for December 8. There will be representation from the Anacortes Parks Dept., Friends of the Anacortes Community Forest Lands, Skagit Land Trust, Washington State Parks, SCPR Advisory Board, Rick Machin, and SWITMO. We expect the trail to be completed in the late winter and open for spring.

Walberg Field YAF Grant

We were successful in our grant which will bring drainage to the Walberg Field. We are creating the drawings so that we can go out to bid. We'll be working as the primary contractor, hiring all the sub-contractors as needed. This will save a substantial amount of money. When finished it will resemble the Custer Field, with backstops, vinyl coated fences, dug-outs, etc. The drainage will allow us to utilize the field for longer periods of the year.

Flood Damage

Donovan Park lost another 15' or more of terrace and has shrunk in size with each major event we have had. We have done soft-armoring projects over the years and have had moderate success. During the summer months we will have more gravel/sand bar and perhaps more "beach" for those wading and cooling off. This has been a very popular park over the past decade. On a hot summer day the parking area and terrace is filled with recreationalists. It gets a very substantial Latino crowd.

Rec

The fall sports season has already reached its mid-point and we're already pointing towards end of the season league tournaments in the Girls S.W.I.S.H. Basketball League and Adult Leagues (COED Volleyball & Men's Basketball) coming up in December. Our Gobblers Classic – Adult COED Volleyball Tournament was held this last weekend (November 14th), which had 10 teams. This is one of the few adult events of its kind that's still around for adults as youth sports have taken up much of the focus and gym use on weekends. There really is a strong local grass roots effort that keeps this event viable. As the Boys S.W.I.S.H. Basketball League is looming (begins games Saturday, January 9th), we're hosting our first Boys Pre-Season Games on Saturday, November 21st with 25 teams playing 25 games. An additional 20 teams/games will occur on Saturday, December 19th, as well.

The 45 Boys Pre-Season Games we have introduced for 2015/16 generate \$6300.00 in gross revenue, which is a significant end of our revenue boost that didn't exist two years ago. This has doubled the revenue we brought in for the senior games. In addition it demands half of the amount of resources. The senior games became taxing on staff as we spent numerous hours recruiting kids to play. There are other entities talking about bringing this back as a potential fundraiser.

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Adjourn Next Meeting: January 21, 2016
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