

Skagit County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

Record of Meeting

(lack of Board quorum prevented scheduled meeting from occurring)

Thursday, July 19, 2007

Skagit Valley Playfields Picnic Shelter

6:40 p.m. Meeting called to order (no quorum)

Present

Kevin Loy, Chair

Lloyd Brown, Vice Chair

Colleen Fisher

Staff

Brian Adams

Dennis Lind

Kevin Loy: Noted that La Conner REET funds not accepted by city because of various reasons. County was able to support project via hotel/motel tax \$'s.

Lloyd B: Curious why funds were not accepted ...Kevin thought it best that Bob Vaux explain, but there were various reasons was his understanding

Rexville Park update...tabled to Sept meeting. Colleen mentioned that there was still to be a site visitation coming in the future.

BMX Group:

Brian gave a brief review/introduction of BMX group, with 3 members of their organization present. BMX was given the floor to discuss their current situation and needs.

Their current site at Bakerview Park may be no longer available in the near future. They have discussed with the Port of Skagit County the possibility for new location on port property....-other park locations could still be considered.

Kevin Loy: How long can you be at current site?

Answer: Not certain-YMCA has lease on the land-have plans for a pool on 2-5 years plan according to Bob Schrumm/YMCA

Kevin Loy: Have you talked to City of Mount Vernon?

Answer: Mount Vernon Parks & Recreation took care of race track for a while but now have limited involvement. BMX group is currently under auspices of MV Parks foundation. They (BMX) have attended some of city park planning meetings, but existing track is not in their plans. Normal track is 3-5 acre parcel. Current MV site is becoming too small when talking about shows. They are really a "year

around sport"- not just summer. They have not looked into any other specific sites. Would like a long-term lease. They currently run three races per week then a couple other fund raiser races. Group left a letter re: "BMX Land Use Proposal" \$30K to build a track? Base would be volunteer labor and donations.

Recreation report handed out by Dennis Lind-another very busy summer of tournaments, camps, special events, leagues, trips and more. Clear Lake has been going okay, but weather not overly great for swimming this summer. Clear Lake Triathlon another successful event with over 200 participants. ASA State Tournament had 43 teams using SVP and Janickie Fields. Legion State tournament August 4-8 at Dream Field. New programs STOMP and concerts been going well.

Brian Adams gave an overview of SVDF lighting project. Brian, David and Dennis have been working together on this. Contractor...Electric West from Mount Vernon is scheduled to start work right after Legion state tournament- August 13th. Field should be completed by end of September with lights.

Lloyd brought up Cascade Trail and wanted to know what was going on with "land seizure" by adjacent property owners. Discussion followed, with Brian clarifying what has been taking place.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:00pm.