

Parks and Recreation Board

Monday, August 17, 2020

5:00 PM

Recreation Office,
2920 Douglas Street, Longview WA

1. **ROLL CALL**

Members Present: Rayleen Aguirre, Spencer Boudreau, Jenny Oskey & Michelle Rabideau

Members Absent: Claire Pang, Antonio DaSilva

Constituents Present: N/A

Staff Present: Jennifer Wills, Melissa Harbour

City Council Present: Maryalice Wallis, Mayor

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

20-000344 DRAFT-Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes 07.22.2020

A motion was made by Rayleen Aguirre, seconded by Michelle Rabineau, to approve the minutes from 07.22.2020 as presented. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: All

Nays: None

3. **CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

Follow-up on constituent, tree board and old business to be added to the agenda as a template item.

4. **CONSTITUENT COMMENTS**

5. **BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

Several board members asked that staff provide updates to past meeting tree board and old business topics. A section will be added to the agenda to address this need.

6. **TREE BOARD COMMENTS**

7. **REPORTS**

An overview of current recreation, park and director happenings was provided by Jennifer Wills. Items discussed include: summer camp completion, collaboration with Longview School District, upcoming drive-in movies at the YMCA parking lot, and current construction projects, including Victoria Freeman play structure and Harlie's Hoops.

8. OLD BUSINESS**9. NEW BUSINESS****20-000345 Acquisition of Parkland on 3rd Avenue**

The owner of the property on 3rd avenue, Donald Svinth, would like to transfer ownership to the City of Longview through quitclaim deed. The property consists of three lots north of the City owned parkland property would be transferred, Parcels #s 0810302, 081030101, and 08103201. The department is seeking a recommendation from the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board to City Council to acquire the land as park property.

Clarification was requested and received on parking ideas, assessible tax value (\$113/per lot yearly) and additional goals, including the hope of a riverfront park at some point in the future. Other 3 parcels are owned by private parties, who have reportedly expressed interest in selling to the City to allow access if/when appropriate.

Board members expressed concerns regarding devoting resources to another parcel of land as we are currently over-burdened. Director Wills indicated it would be remain unmaintained until developed and stated that this is an opportunity for future for river access which is unusual. Resources utilized until developed include brush hogging 2x a year which equates to 1 hour of staff time. Potential expenses could be covered in a future budget cycle and bare land is a focus in federal/state grants which may also become available to assist with cost and resources.

A motion was made by Jenny Oskey, seconded by Spencer Boudreau, to recommend to the aquisition of the land as park property to city council. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: All

Nays: None

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at: 5:47 p.m. The next meeting is set for September 21, 2020 @ 5:00 PM via Zoom Platform.