Minutes to be approved on 10/22/14



Parks & Recreation Commission 4:00 P.M. September 24, 2014

CALL TO ORDER:	Steve Lorenz
Present:	Eunice Abrahamsen, Juli Bradley, Randy Curtis, David Gast, Tim Hazen and Cassi Marshall
Excused:	Brent Erickson
Staff Present:	Jerry Acheson and Susan Newlove

A motion was made by Bradley, seconded by Curtis, and carried that minutes of the meeting of May 28, 2014, be approved as written.

2015-16 BUDGET

Jerry Acheson distributed a copy of the preliminary budget for 2015-2016 and stated that this is the first time the City of Camas will be implementing a two-year budget. He went over several components related to the Parks & Recreation budget; participant recreation, the Camas Community Center, Lacamas Lodge, training, the swimming pool at Crown Park, parks maintenance and the decision package. In response to Curtis' question regarding the pool next summer, Acheson stated that the Mayor would like the City to manage the pool next summer. In response to Gast, Acheson stated that the City typically loses 40% of the pool funding every season and he hasn't yet received the 2014 pool reports from Lacamas Swim and Sport.

Acheson also reviewed the Capital projects list within the budget; Master Plan for Fallen Leaf Lake Park, a new park at Drewfs Farm, a bathroom at Dorothy Fox Park, the overlook project at Washougal River Greenway Trail, the overflow parking lot at the Goodwin Road trailhead and general upgrades to parks. Hazen stated that the Drewfs Farm project is the only item that would impact operating costs.

A motion was made by Gast, seconded by Marshall, and carried to accept the 2015-2016 Preliminary Budget as presented.

The Parks Commission members had mixed emotions when Acheson introduced the idea of the Crown Park Master Plan, which includes; upgrades to the pool, additional parking spaces and additional facilities for office space. He stated that the upgraded facility would accommodate those community members who want to keep an aquatic facility within the community. Curtis stated that the pool wouldn't be able to accommodate all the needs of the community even with the proposed upgrades.

PROJECT UPDATES

Lacamas Lake property - Acheson stated that letters were sent out to property owners regarding encroachment issues on Lacamas Lake and they've only received responses from two individuals. Signs will eventually be posted stating that it's City property.

Drewfs Farm - Acheson distributed a map outlining the location of the proposed park in Drewfs Farm and stated that it's in the budget and is part of the Parks Comprehensive plan.

Heritage Park – Acheson stated that he has received two requests to set up a Watersports and Recreational Rentals Concession in Heritage Park. Acheson requested that both parties submit proposals to the City of Camas and a decision will be made based on those proposals.

Crown Park Tennis Courts – A photo of the newly resurfaced tennis courts was distributed to the Parks Commissioners. The board members were very pleased with the outcome of this project.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 22nd at 4:00 p.m.