



Parks & Recreation Commission

4:00 P.M.

February 26, 2014

*Minutes to be approved on 03/26/2014*

CALL TO ORDER: Brent Erickson

Present: Eunice Abrahamsen, Juli Bradley, Randy Curtis, David Gast, Steve Lorenz and Cassie Marshall

Absent: Tim Hazen

Staff Present: Jerry Acheson, Peter Capell and Susan Newlove

Jerry Acheson introduced the new City Administrator, Peter Capell.

Jerry Acheson requested a change be made to the minutes of December 11, 2013 under 2014 Parks Foundation Grant.

A motion was made by Bradley, seconded by Gast, and carried that minutes of the general meeting of December 11, 2013, be approved as written after the requested change is made.

#### **PARKS FOUNDATION GRANT FOLLOW-UP**

Jerry Acheson stated that he submitted a grant for the overlook along Washougal River trail and if the City obtains all the proper permits, construction should begin in August.

#### **ROUND LAKE TRAIL DEVELOPMENT**

Acheson displayed a map of the Round Lake development area. Marshall stated that when walking on the trail, there's a section with pink flags outlining an area of future development. Marshall suggested putting in a possible buffer area along the trail to deter pedestrians from looking into people's yards because she's concerned with how much this could impact the trail. Erickson suggested that Marshall and Gast approach Clark County Parks and Recreation and request that they plant trees on the north side of the road along the property lines.

Capell recommended calling Clark County and letting them know about the concern. He stated that the future homeowners aren't going to want trails close to their property so the developer might be willing to work with them. In response to Gast, Acheson stated that he can find out when they plan to develop that area.

### **OTHER ITEMS**

**Fallen Leaf Lake Park ADA Access** – Acheson displayed a chart summarizing reservations at Fallen Leaf Lake Park. He stated that a letter was received regarding ADA access at Fallen Leaf Lake Park. The current policy requires that the gate remain locked unless the park is reserved.

Acheson stated that the length from the gate to the shelter is approximately 500 feet. Staff recommends revising our policy to allow for opening the gates in the morning and closing them at dusk. In response to Gast, Capell stated that we are required to build an ADA access at the park.

Acheson introduced the Lacamas Lake Corridor master plan in which they could incorporate the ADA access ramp. Curtis stated that he's concerned with people vandalizing the park and Erickson stated that the City shouldn't consider increasing rental fees if they're going to leave the gate open. Capell stated that Clark County uses Metro Watch to oversee their parks and this will help prevent vandalism.

A motion was made by Curtis, seconded by Lorenz, and carried that due to ADA requirements, they authorize the city to revise the gate policy to allow the gate to open in the morning hours and locked up for the evening hours unless the park is reserved and put in temporary ADA access to the shelter until a permanent solution can be made at Fallen Leaf Lake Park.

**Volunteer group** – Eunice Abrahamsen stated that Denis Ryan received a call from the LDS Church regarding Volunteer work at the Camas Cemetery. Capell stated that the LDS Church has an amazing volunteer group.

**Parks Commission Meetings** – Erickson suggested having all Parks Commission meetings held at Lacamas Lodge. In response to Erickson, Acheson stated that a change in the ordinance is required to make set a new location. Capell stated that Lacamas Lodge should remain available for public use.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 26<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.