

Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting Thursday July 21, 2022

9am via TEAMS Virtual

Call to Order at 9:05 am

Attendance:

Parks & Rec Commission Members Present: Tex Blankenburg, Heather Drew Oaksen, Johannes Krieger, Cy Fields, Mehgan Alexandria

Absent: Margaret Payne, Bill McGowan,

Staff Present: Brandon Cadwell, Jennifer Allen, Angelica Hadeen, Toby Haskett

Staff Absent: Joe Ingman, Luke Praschak, Nick Jones, Carlene Bartok-Balcomb

County Council Liaison Present: Christine Minney

Approval of Agenda-Two Addendums were added, Motion made by Cy, seconded by Heather

Approval of Meeting Minutes Motion made by Meghan, seconded by Heather

Chair's Message: None

Public Access: None

Correspondence: None.

Council Liaison message: Applications are being accepted for low, moderate, and accessibility needs income households for home ownership or rental assistance. Last week the County council meeting was held on Waldron. A celebration will be held at the Fairgrounds on the completion of the Parks & Fair solar project on July 22 at Noon, with a walk discussing the future vision of the SJC Fairgrounds.

SJC Fairgrounds Log Cabin will be up for renovation next summer. A company called HistorCore has traveled to SJC and evaluated the Historic Log cabin for roof and log resurfacing and replacement. Ryan Page to speak at a special council meeting on a proposal of the Argyle lots being the future of affordable housing.

Director's Report: None

New Business:

Fire Bank-Propane Fire Pits: Last year there was a ban on all propane fire pits at County Parks. A discussion was had on the risks of utilizing propane fire pits at County Parks. It was decided to follow the Fire Marshal's directive. Motion made by Tex, seconded by Meghan.

Proposed Fee Schedule: Brandon presented a proposal of next years fee schedule to the board to review. There was a discussion of what the financials looked like with the new fees. It was decided that the board would review the fee schedule and provide revisions in the August meeting. Brandon would like to present the new fee schedule in September to the County Council.

Group Camping Adjustment: There was a discussion on eliminating group camping at SJC Park and moving it to the Fairgrounds group camping, increasing the use of the under-utilized Fairgrounds group camping sites. The group camping sites at SJC Park would be rented as individual camping sites.

For Shaw Park, there was a discussion about potentially utilizing the outfield of the Baseball field as group camping. Group camping on Shaw would be closed during the Shaw 4th of July and the Fall contractors Baseball games. Cy and Brandon will meet on Shaw and review the Park for potential group camping sites. It was decided to move this discussion to old business for the August meeting.

August Meeting Date: It was decided to have the August meeting on the 25th at the Orcas Library at 11:15am. The meeting date was extended to the 25th due to the Fair.

Finances Standing: Brandon presented the Revenue and Expenditure reports to the board. The budget is currently on track.

Staffing Update: The staffing is up. Shane Merritt was hired in early June as the Assistant Fairgrounds Manger. The parks department would like to hire an additional SJCP aide for a seasonal position. The Fair needs Office temps and Night Security for Fair.

Added Addendum- Commercial Parking Fees: A discussion was had about extending the commercial parking hours from 1 hour to 1 ½ or 2 hours at SJC Park. It was decided to keep the current Park policy in place.

Added Addendum-PTNA Plan, Non-Motorized Transportation 2017-2022: Due to no quorum by 11:00am at this meeting, it was decided to move this item to old business for the August meeting.

Old Business: None

Announcements: Brandon thanked the Parks staff for a job well done, it's been a busy season and with Matt leaving everyone jumped in and assisted with tasks that needed to be done at the Fairgrounds prior to Fair.

Adjourn: at 11:30AM -No Quorum

Respectfully Submitted, Angelica Hadeen