

PARKS COMMISSION
Thursday, April 5, 2012
Public Services
55 Portland Street
5:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Project

The Commission located an area in Bayside for which the memorial can be located. Staff will be meeting with Mark Rees and Rachel Talbot Ross in late May.

Report on Community Garden Forum

The forum was well attended with 65 attendees. Small focus groups were formed to help answer the following questions: “What kind of agriculture (space)” and “Where the gardens should be located?” There will be a working committee formed to look at organizing the committee. A Parks Commission member is needed to be on that committee and Carol Hutchins volunteered. Public Services and the Planning Department will be working together to create a document of recommendation for June 2012

Establish Working Group to Address “Nuisance Issues”

The Committee discussed how these issues (graffiti, litter, irresponsible dog owners, etc.) are always reoccurring and need to be addressed. They talked about the City working on getting the information out about these issues to the public. Educate and work on enforcement of these issues.

It was mentioned that it seems at this time the animal control officer is not writing citations to owners of dog who are not leashed. The Parks Commission agreed to write a letter to Chief Sauschuck stating that this has been brought to their attention that dogs have been running loose too often.

The Parks Commission members also agreed to do a postcard about dog waste and behavior, cigarette butts and litter.

OLD BUSINESS

Acceptance of Meeting Minutes from March 2012

Postponed to next meeting.

Multi-use Trail Signs

These are currently still being worked on. Staff will update the Commission at a later date.

REPORTS, PROJECTS AND TIMELINES

Ranger Schedule

Crystal Swan is back as the Head Ranger and is currently working part-time and starting full-time soon. Public Services will be hiring four (4) part-time Rangers soon. The Department's request for a full-time year-round Ranger was cut from the budget.

East End Sign Changes and Iron Ranger

The Iron Ranger is all set up and ready to be used. There is a fee of \$5. The parking fine without a permit is \$25.

The Eastern Prom Bath house will be painted by volunteers. The porta-potties will be enclosed this year.

CDBG – Ft. Allen

They are close to the final design stages and waiting for a meeting with the Historic Preservation. The CDBG funding will help with making the area handicapped accessible.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm.