

PARKS COMMISSION
Thursday, April 2, 2015
City Hall ~ Room 24
5:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE:

Commission Members: Diane Davison, Steve Morgenstein, Michael Mertaugh, Jeff Scher, Jaime Parker, Ralph Carmona

City Staff: Councilor Jon Hinck, Troy Moon, Melissa Graffam, Mike Bobinsky, Rick Knowland

Acceptance of Meeting Minutes March 2015

Motion made by Jaime Parker to accept the meeting minutes as amended. Meeting minutes now show the following: *“Reviewing and adopt rules (implementation of rules, electing officers); along with working on the Annual Report will be Travis Wagner, Steve Morgenstein, Michael Mertaugh, Jaime Parker, Troy Moon and Sally DeLuca.”* Seconded by Jeff Scher. Motion passed 6-0.

Friends of Deering Oaks: Castle Restaurant

Anne Pringle, representing the Friends of Deering Oaks Park; introduced Cheryl Lewis and Norine Kotts to the Commission regarding their interest in opening a restaurant at the Castle in Deering Oaks. Their main item for the restaurant would be hot dogs. They have all kinds of ideas for different kind of hot dogs; while still making it a healthy food source. This would be a seasonal venue and they hope to be able to serve beer and wine.

Questions/concerns that were asked from the Commissioners were about the cost of changing the interior and cleaning of the outside of the building. They do not want to see the city bear the cost of those items. Another question was asked about bathroom access. Bathrooms would be locked but anyone would be able to use them when asked.

The next step for this process is that the City will need to start the RFP process. Staff will do its best to get this done as soon as possible so that the person(s) that will run the restaurant can get in there as quickly as possible for this summer.

East Bayside Garden

Hope Chrupcala, EBNO; Jennifer Claster, Wright-Pierce; and Lisa Glithero, Resource Hub discussed their proposal for an edible landscape at Fox Field. They would have 8,000 square feet of edible landscape that the East Bayside Neighborhood could help grow and maintain. They will work with the neighbors to have them help and participate in what is grown.

Future steps for this project is May/June phase one site work and in June/July phases two installations.

Communications/Updates

Community Garden- Eastern Promenade Update- Final planning approval will happen next week. Lift360 will be hosting a leadership program for the community gardeners.

Western Prom Wall- The project is just about completed.

Public Services Organizational Changes- Troy Moon told the Commission that starting on May 4th, ten (10) employees will be dedicated to the city's parks. They will be doing mowing, trimming and landscaping.

Unfinished Business

CIP Update- Current highlighted projects in the proposed CIP would be the emergency communication system, Capisic Pond Park and the Athletic Fields (Payson Park softball area and Lyman Moore field complex). The City Manager has also allocated (as long as it gets passed in the budget process) in the budget \$75,000 to the Parks Commission and \$40,000 to continue the Trust for Public Land process.

Trust for Public Land Update – The Steering and Stakeholder committees met and reviewed the results of the Portland Trails and PTL surveys. While working in groups they focused on the vision they wanted and what their service indicators would be.

PC Admin Reporting (Fundraising and Governance/Drafting Report) – Committee looked at possible fundraising opportunities. Jaime Parker had a concern of where/what would the money be put to? Also will we be able to make money. This takes a lot of time and commitment from the Commission. Others on the Commission had similar concerns.

Steve Morgenstein looked at annual reports from other cities and they are all about 10-15 pages in length. Topics that were included in their reports were major events, issues, usage, recreation data, and projects.