

PARKS COMMISSION MINUTES
July 1, 2015 - 6:30 pm Public Safety Building

Chairperson Steven Nielson called the meeting to order at 6:30p.m. Roll Call found Commissioners Dannat, Robson and Swanson present. Chairperson Nielson motioned to excuse Commissioner Jones. Motion was seconded by Co-Chairperson Swanson. Motion carried.

ATTENDANCE:

City Employees	City Administrator Mark Bethune, Parks Commission Secretary Beckie Meek
Professional Representatives	Councilmembers Sam Colorossi and Tod Gunther
Visitors	Mathias Amstasen, Gregg Amstasen, Deb Amstasen and Renee Hamilton

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Boys Scout Project	Mathias Amstasen came to the Parks Commission to ask if there was a project that could be done. He had spoke to City Administrator Mark Bethune. Administrator Bethune suggested to the Parks Commission that he do a 2 sided kiosk. The 2 spots to place the kiosk would be over on the hill by the tree and Gazebo or over by the restroom in the Main Park. Mathias will work with Secretary Beckie Meek and City Administrator Mark Bethune.
ADA Swing	Renee Hamilton was asking if and when a swing will be placed back at the Park for the kids with a wheelchair. She posted on Facebook on one of the pages a swing that holds a wheelchair. It was suggested that she submit a picture of the wheelchair and all the costs to it of the one she is suggesting the Parks Commission put at the park.

MINUTES:

June 3, 2015 Minutes	Motion was made by Commissioner Robson to approve the Minutes of June 3, 2015 as prepared. Motion was seconded by Chairperson Nielson. Motion carried.
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NEW BUSINESS:

Rainier Meadows Presenters	Secretary Beckie Meek stated that there was only one presenter tonight as one of the reps Chris McGarvey from Northwest Playgrounds was not able to make it to the meeting because he had an emergency come up. Secretary Beckie Meek gave the information from Chris M. to the Commissioners. Then Chris Donahue from Playcreation/Landscape Structures presented his
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proposal to the Parks Commissioners and answered all the questions they had. After some discussion the Parks Commission decided to reject both proposals presented due to over budget or missing an item that was requested.

The Parks Commission relooked at their budget to see about putting more funds into the program. They decided to go out for bid with the amount of \$13,000.00 to include a Spring Rider, Slide, Climbing Things, and also must include the cheapest allowed ground cover (wood fiber chips). Secretary Beckie Meek will get the bids out in the beginning of the next week and have them do and ready for presentation at the August meeting.

Yellow Brick
Road

Councilmember Tod Gunther was not at the meeting so this item will be tabled to the August Meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Community Garden

Secretary Beckie Meek reported that Diana Weston sent an email out to the group of people interested in the Orting Community Garden letting them know she does not have the time for this project and someone else will need to take the lead on this. Diana will let Beckie know who that person will be.

Parks 2015 Budget
Expenses

Parks Commission Secretary Beckie Meek presented to the Parks Commission the 2015 Budget expenses to date. Park Tree Pruning will be taken off of the list as it is a repair/maintenance issue.

PARKS PROJECTS:

Memorial Park

Commissioner Jones was not at the Parks Commission Meeting. This item will be tabled to the next meeting.

North Park Fountain

Commissioner Jones was not at the Parks Commission Meeting. This item will be tabled to the next meeting.

Dog Park

Chairperson Neilson stated that he is working on the drawing and will talk about this at the next meeting in August.

CITY PROJECTS:

Rainier Meadows &
Calistoga Park
Playground

Parks Commission Secretary Beckie Meek stated that the representative from Northwest Playgrounds had a family thing come up and was not able to attend the meeting but she gave a handout to hopefully answer questions that they may have. After that she introduced Chris Donahue from Playcreations to present his proposal to the commission. After some discussion Co-Chairperson Swanson motioned to reject all the

proposals because they were missing an item or were over budget and to go out for bid again. Request of the bids are to include: 2-5 year old playground equipment of climbing, slides and fun things for kids to do. The bid must also include at least 1 spring rider toy, wood fiber playground ground cover chips and not to exceed the new budget amount of \$13,000.00 for everything. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Robson. Motion carried.

Lighting in the Park
Parking Lots along
VanScoyoc

City Administrator Mark Bethune stated the project of lighting in the park parking lots is underway and should be done by end of August.

Winter Decorations

Parks Commission Secretary Beckie Meek stated there was nothing to report.

Adopt-A-Park

City Administrator reviewed with the Parks Commission the handouts for the Adopt-A-Park Program along with Policy and Procedures. After review Co-Chairperson Swanson motioned to approve the handouts with minor changes as in name and address changes. Motion was seconded by Chairperson Nielson. Motion carried.

PARKS CONCEPTS:

Splash Park

Co-Chairperson Swanson stated that he has been doing research and got some answers from City of Puyallup and the Pierce County Health Department. He found out that there does need to have a restroom within the area of the Splash Park and also a hand washing facility. He will do more research on any other things that maybe required.

Steam Engine

Chairperson Neilson has been busy and was not able to do any work on this project. He would like to table this and put on the agenda for the meeting in August.

Historical Markers

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Calistoga Park

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CITY COUNCIL:

Council Report

Nothing to report.

SET AGENDA ITEMS:

June 3, 2015
Meeting

1. Rainier Meadows Playground Equipment Presentations
2. Parks 105 Revenue/Expenditures
3. Parks Commission Projects
4. City Park Projects
5. Park Concepts

**GOOD OF THE
ORDER:**

Slip & Slide

City Administrator Mark Bethune reported that the Recreation Department did a Big Slip & Slide at the Park by the Gazebo today and that there was approx. about 100 kids there having a blast.

ADJOURN:

Chairperson Nielson moved to adjourn at 8:15 p.m. Co-Chairperson Swanson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

Secretary, Beckie Meek

Chairperson, Steven Nielson