
Parks and Recreation Committee

Thursday, January 14, 2016 12:00PM
Third Floor Conference Room City Hall

Members: Jeff Feldpausch, Chris Whitehead, Jeff Mossige, Clara Whitehead
Benjamin Miyasato (Assembly Liaison)

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Feldpausch called the meeting to order at approximately 12:07PM.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Jeff Feldpausch, Vice Chair Chris Whitehead, Jeff Mossige, Clara Whitehead

Absent: None

Assembly Liaison: Benjamin Miyasato

Staff: Municipal Clerk Sara Peterson, Administrative Coordinator Renee Wheat, Assistant Contract Coordinator/Office Manager Wanda Bush, Public Works Maintenance and Operations Superintendent Nick Kepler

III. PERSONS TO BE HEARD/CORRESPONDENCE

Lynne Brandon reported on the Community Playgrounds. She gave an overview of funding received, grant matching, and how the monies had been spent to date. She relayed the importance of ADA accessibility. She spoke of an upcoming report to the assembly on January 26, 2016.

IV. REPORTS

Chair – Would like to add Community Playgrounds to the agenda as long standing item.

Members – None.

City Staff – Municipal Clerk Peterson advised the committee of meeting guidelines and the Open Meetings Act. She suggested holding election of officers and to have goal setting as an agenda item in a future meeting. Administrative Coordinator Wheat relayed phone conferencing is available for members who are unable to attend in person.

Assembly Liaison – Miyasato relayed he was glad to be attending the meeting. He spoke of his concern of the three vacancies on the committee. He relayed he was there to support the committee and take their recommendations to the Assembly.

Other(s) – Lynne Brandon reported on Sitka Trail Works. She gave updates on easement agreements, a State grant for maintenance on Mosquito Cove, and Kramer Avenue trail work after the August 2015 landslide. She relayed of work done on the Heartlake Trail and Cascade Creek wash out had been repaired.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Update on State Parks Management Negotiations with the City

PW M&O Superintendent Nick Kepler relayed no further negotiations had been reached with the State. He conveyed the CBS Assembly put a proposal forward to the State that was not accepted. Contract Coordinator/Office Manager Bush advised HPR Recreation appears to be upkept, possibly by volunteers. Chair Feldpausch attended the meeting at Sealing Cove

Business Center with the State and they would like someone to take over the infrastructure. He was not sure if we had lobbied the Governor. He thought it would take another effort from the community to get attention. Mossige relayed the HPR Boat Launch needed supervision for cleanliness and reported boats had been docking for many consecutive days.

B. Update on Parks and Recreation Manager Position

Chair Feldpausch relayed he received an email from Municipal Administrator Mark Gorman regarding the Parks and Recreation Manager position not being filled directly but combining the position with other duties. PWMOS Kepler relayed he supported the idea of combining the position with grounds. He felt City services would not suffer due to the reorganization. He relayed CBS was looking to do more with less at the direction of the community and the Assembly. He confirmed grant writing would be part of the continued responsibilities of the new position.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

None.

VII. PERSONS TO BE HEARD

None.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

A. Agenda items for the next regular meeting of March 10, 2016

Agenda items for the next meeting would include Update on State Parks Management, Playground Update, Review of Deferred Maintenance Plan, Election of Committee Officers. Discussion occurred around asking Planning and Community Development Director Maegan Bosak to present the Comprehensive Plan at a future meeting.

M - Chris Whitehead. Seeing no objection, Chair Feldpausch adjourned the meeting at approximately 1:06PM.

Attest:
Renee Wheat, Administrative Coordinator