



CITY OF RIDGEFIELD, WASHINGTON

Parks Board MEETING MINUTES

September 12, 2018

Regular Meeting - 6:30 PM

GENERAL SESSION CALL TO ORDER - 6:30 PM - [6:34 PM](#)

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Rian Davis	Board Member	Present	
Beth Putnam	Board Member	Present	
Beth Wills	Board Member	Present	
Darrin Class	Board Member	Present	
Kimberly Stenbak	Board Member	Present	
Rachelle Simmons	Board Member	Excused	
Marie Bouvier	Board Chair	Present	

Board Member Rachelle Simmons was unable to attend this meeting due to another conflict and is excused.

LATE CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

Move Items 1 & 2 under New Business to just after Consent Agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT - [6:41 PM](#)

Ridgefield Resident, Molly Patterson, would love to see a few trails and beds designated to native plants to this region for educational purposes. Guest speakers could do walks for kids, hold harvest workshops, etc. She offered to assist with the planting and maintenance of the designated areas and introduce organizations that bring the community together through educational activities.

CONSENT AGENDA - [6:43 PM](#)

1. Approval of Minutes from Wednesday, 8/8/18 Meeting

Minutes stand as approved.

MEMBER REPORT - [7:15 PM](#)

OLD BUSINESS - [7:15 PM](#)

1. Flip Book Presentations - [7:15 PM](#)

Chair Marie Bouvier shared a presentation on Ornamental Parks and Art in Parks.

2. Volunteer Projects List, Chair Marie Bouvier - [7:27 PM](#)

Chair Marie Bouvier provided an update on the revised Volunteer Projects List.

3. Parks and Trails Tour, Update - [7:30 PM](#)

Lisa will send a revised Doodle Poll to reflect Day Light Savings and Saturdays.

NEW BUSINESS - [6:43 PM](#)

1. Wildlife Refuge Update, Eric Anderson - [6:43 PM](#)

Eric Anderson, Deputy Project Leader, Ridgefield Wildlife Refuge, provided an update on the following projects that are trail related:

Main Street Project - extends city sidewalks from downtown Ridgefield to the corner of 291st along Main Street and replaces the culvert with a large box culvert so Gee Creek will no longer be restricted. Flaggers will be in play from spring of 2019 through July 3. After July 4, the road will be closed and traffic will be rerouted.

Oak Release Project - they will be removing Douglas Firs (specific to the refuge) which grow 3-5 times faster, taller, throw out a lot of shade and limits the expansion of Oaks. This will result in some temporary trail closures past the plank house on the Oaks to the wetland trail. Work will take place later this summer or next summer.

Trail Connector Project - this trail connector routes you from downtown, through the Port, to the refuge, to the Plank House, over the new pedestrian bridge and sidewalks back to town. It will be a five-mile loop to be used during the summer months only. They are currently building an entrance plaza at the Port, which should be done in about a month and hope to open the trail next spring.

River S Unit Project - this is an access point to the refuge and replaces the bridge. It is currently under contract and will begin next week. This will be about a one-year project.

2. Port of Ridgefield Update, Brent Grening, CEO - [7:05 PM](#)

The Rail Overpass Project at Pioneer and Main - the environmental permit was signed off on; the packet was sent to the Railroad for review. The Port is reviewing redlines and addressing questions. This project is moving forward and, if all goes well, hope to be in construction possibly next spring. The Main Street Project and Port of Ridgefield Bridge will sync up nicely. From a trails perspective, it is ADA compliant, will have sidewalks and bike paths on both sides. Ultimately, it will provide a direct, safe and uninterrupted access to the waterfront.

Carty Lake - the Port did some remediation by removing chemicals and sediments, it was deepened, sand and vegetation was added in an effort to make it better for habitat. The path is now paved, it is ADA compliant and very open. It places you closer to the refuge and provides a much better experience from an accessible trail.

3. Abrams Park - [7:30 PM](#)

Bryan mentioned that a Master Plan for Abram's Park was created about 10 years ago. In discussions about the PAC Soccer and Ridgefield Little League, the Outdoor Recreation Complex is great but still may not meet all needs. Before re-purposing the field space at, Bryan asked the Board for ideas on what they would like to see happen at Abrams. Additionally, Bryan will circulate the Master Plan for the Boards review prior to the next meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT - [7:50 PM](#)

None

STAFF REPORTS - [7:50 PM](#)

Public Works Update - [7:50 PM](#)

Bryan shared a drone video taken during the Experience Ridgefield and Oktoberfest event at the Outdoor Recreation Center.

2. Park Impact Fees - [7:55 PM](#)

Bryan provided an update on the Park Impact Fees. Most of the funds will be used to finish the construction of the Outdoor Recreation Center. The funds will begin replenishing next year with the continued growth and development.

Current Balance: \$3,613,412.90
Revenue: \$123,000
Expense: \$0
Ending Balance: \$3,736,412.90

FROM THE BOARD - [8:00 PM](#)

Board Member Updates - [8:00 PM](#)

Rian sits on the Parks Foundation Marketing Committee. Next spring there will be a birthday bash to raise funds for the Clark County Parks Foundation. He will provide more details as they get closer to the event.

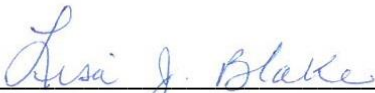
Council Update - [8:05 PM](#)

Chair Marie Bouvier will attend a meeting in October and provide an update to Council.

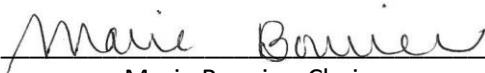
Requests from the Board for Upcoming Meetings - [8:10 PM](#)

None

ADJOURN - [8:10 PM](#)



Lisa Blake, PW Administrative Assistant



Marie Bouvier, Chair