



CITY OF RIDGEFIELD, WASHINGTON
Parks Board MEETING MINUTES
April 12, 2017

Regular Meeting - 6:30 PM

GENERAL SESSION CALL TO ORDER - 6:30 PM - [6:35 PM](#)

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Beth Putnam	Board Member	Present	
Beth Wills	Board Member	Present	6:36 PM
Darrin Class	Board Member	Absent	
Kimberly Stenbak	Board Member	Present	
Rachelle Simmons	Board Member	Present	
Thomas Ball	Board Member	Absent	
Marie Bouvier	Board Chair	Present	

Late changes to the agenda - [6:35 PM](#)

None

PUBLIC COMMENT - [6:36 PM](#)

None

CONSENT AGENDA - [6:36 PM](#)

1. Parks Board - Regular Meeting - Mar 8, 2017 6:30 PM

The minutes stand as approved with the correction to Roll Call where Darrin Class was not present as his term for serving on the Board was in the process of being renewed.

MEMBER REPORT - [6:37 PM](#)

None

OLD BUSINESS - [6:37 PM](#)

None

NEW BUSINESS - [6:37 AM](#)

1. Trail Name, Alene Woodeage

Bryan provided a brief introduction of the process and purpose for naming a trail facility and then introduced Alene Woodeage who presented her request to the Board.

Alene Woodeage, citizen of Ridgefield, shared a brief biography of John Hudson Senior. He was an incredible educator and principal for many years at Ridgefield in the late 1960s. As a child, he was brought up with strong work ethics. These values carried over to the school and students he taught. Among other accomplishments, he started the Cispus Outdoor School Program. 2017 marks the program's 48th anniversary. John was an extraordinary person, made numerous contributions to the community and was very supportive of the refuge. He deserves to have a trail named after him.

Marie opened the floor for public testimony or comments. Maureen O'Riley, citizen of Ridgefield, suggested naming the high school after John.

MOTION: Move to name the FLAP trail (N. Main to the refuge) to be called the John Hudson Senior trail and forward to City Council for approval.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Darrin Class, Board Member
SECONDER:	Beth Putnam, Board Member
AYES:	Putnam, Wills, Class, Stenbak, Simmons, Bouvier
ABSENT:	Ball

2. Parks Liability, Janean Parker - [6:52 PM](#)

Board Chair Marie Bouvier introduced Janean Parker, the city attorney, who was invited to talk about "liability" as it relates to Board discussions on innovative parks and trails.

Janean provided a PowerPoint presentation of Washington's Recreational Immunity Statue (RCW 4.24.210) and highlighted key elements for the Board's consideration when discussing innovative parks and trail ideas.

PUBLIC COMMENT - [7:19 PM](#)

None

STAFF REPORTS - [7:19 PM](#)

Public Works Update

Bryan provided an update on reconfiguration to the Ridgefield Outdoor Recreation Center (RORC). Modifications will save about 30% to the cost of dirt that won't have to be moved. The school has shifted south slightly which moves it further back from the road and allows a separate entrance for buses. The project should go out for bid around the end of June, awarded in July, begin grading in August and installation of utilities in the fall. Field construction would begin in spring of 2018. The goal is to have the fields ready for use when the school opens in 2018

There will be a Bear Dedication on Saturday, May 6, 2017, at 10am at Overlook Park. The ceremony is open to the public as part of the First Saturday festivities and Mayor Ron Onslow will say a few words.

FROM THE BOARD - [7:33 PM](#)

Board Member Updates

Board Chair, Marie Bouvier, provided an update about the bench dedication. City Council Members were there and members of the community. It was well attended.

Marie reminded board members to use their city email accounts for communications related to city business.

All Board Members have completed the Open Public Meetings Act training.

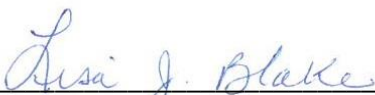
Council Update

None

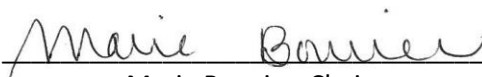
Requests from the Board for Upcoming Meetings

None

ADJOURN - [7:36 PM](#)



Lisa Blake, PW Administrative Assistant



Marie Bouvier, Chair