



CITY OF RIDGEFIELD, WASHINGTON
Parks Board MEETING MINUTES
March 11, 2020
Regular Meeting - 6:30 PM

GENERAL SESSION CALL TO ORDER - 6:30 PM

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Rian Davis	Board Member	Excused	
Christopher Gudger-Raines	Board Member	Present	
Beth Bicknell	Board Member	Present	
Kimberly Stenbak	Board Chair	Present	
Rachel Coker	Board Member	Excused	
John Rose	Board Member	Present	
Marie Bouvier	Board Member	Present	

MOTION: BOARD MEMBER ROSE MOVED TO EXCUSE BOARD MEMBERS DAVIS AND COKER FROM THE MEETING.

SECOND: Board Member Bicknell

Vote - all ayes

Vote - no nays

Motion Passed

LATE CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

None

PUBLIC COMMENT - [6:35 PM](#)

Bruce Carpenter, Ridgefield:

Bruce thanked the City for the pickle ball court but mentioned there are severe drop offs on the north and west side of the court. He asked if the City could put safety precaution up until fencing was installed. In addition, he asked if the City would install hard surfaces to certain sections of the trail system to increase safety.

CONSENT AGENDA - [6:42 PM](#)

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES AS PRESENTED.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	John Rose, Board Member
SECONDER:	Beth Bicknell, Board Member
AYES:	Gudger-Raines, Bicknell, Stenbak, Rose, Bouvier
EXCUSED:	Davis, Coker

1. Approval of Minutes from Wednesday, 2/12/20 Meeting

MEMBER REPORT - [6:45 PM](#)

None

OLD BUSINESS - [6:45 PM](#)

1. Parks & Trails Tour Date, Bryan Kast

The City is planning a tour of its parks and trails again this year. The tour will include members of City Council, Planning Commission and Parks Board and is scheduled for Saturday, April 25, from 9-noon.

2. Trail Map & Signage; Naming, Bryan Kast

Bryan reiterated Board preferences regarding Trailhead and Map signage. Trailhead signs would resemble a kiosk or a roofed unit with a plexi glass door where the map would be protected and securely housed. At strategic locations along the trail, smaller maps would show your location, possibly trail color coding, numbering system and/or trail names. Bryan will bring a prototype of the map to the Board for input.

Officer Jason Ferris shared recommendations on how to help 911 dispatchers locate someone needing emergency assistance on trails. This could include color coding trails on maps with corresponding mile markers and the City's logo. Visual landmarks are easier to remember verses a new street name or neighborhood. The more specifics given, the easier it will be for officers to locate and assist someone in need.

NEW BUSINESS - [6:58 PM](#)

1. Outreach, Chair Kimberly Stenbak

Chair Stenbak provided a handout of community and volunteering events. She encouraged Board Members to attend these events and use them as outreach opportunities to gather and exchange ideas with citizens about future parks and trails.

2. Trail Connections and Priority, Bryan Kast

Bryan presented an overhead of the updated trail map system and asked the Board to identify (one or two) trail connections that staff should be focusing on over the next year or two. After discussion, the Board recommended segment #3 (downtown Pioneer Street), segment #24 (Smythe Rd) and segment #14 (Royle Road) as priorities. Bryan will present this information to Council.

3. Community Survey, Bryan Kast - [7:29 PM](#)

Bryan shared results of the community survey completed by Colbalt Community Research. The full version is available on the City's website. Overall the city is outperforming benchmarks in most areas, but scores softened slightly from 2015. In addition to trails, we need to expand our multimodal network as a whole to create other opportunities besides walking and biking. Parks are still important but the public seems to be satisfied with the amount of parks we have for our population. There were 1500 survey's sent out. We received 393 back which was 26% response rate, similar to the response in 2015.

PUBLIC COMMENT - [7:40 PM](#)

Bruce Carpenter Resident:

Bruce encouraged the City to add their trails to the All Trails app. For trailhead signs, use a photo of the trail map instead of paper. For trail maintenance, add a note on trail signs asking citizens to pick up litter. And encourage businesses to sponsor trails along their areas. Finally, create a catchy byline as part of the Parks Board outreach efforts to the community. This identifies who the message is coming from and sounds better than just Parks Board.

Grant Cowie Resident:

Grant inquired about the Clark County Legacy Land located in the City limits of Ridgefield. He asked if the City would work with the county to install trails through this area since the area was set apart for recreational purposes.

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

Public Works Update

Bryan provided an update on Park Impact Fees: By the end of January the balance was \$446,000. February was not closed out so he was unable to obtain those figures. He also mentioned there is money to retain a landscape architect to help guide the Board in the concept development plan of new Horns Corner Park. The Board shared some ideas for this park and agreed that a landscape architect would be helpful.

FROM THE BOARD - [7:55 PM](#)

Board Member Updates

Chair Stenbak met with the Garden Club who shared their vision for beautifying Eagles View Park. Representatives include Main Street, the Arts Association, high school students, etc. Together, they plan to revitalize and maintain Eagle's View's passive-serenity ambiance. The Garden Club shared several great ideas but also asked Kim for input from the Board.

Board Member Bouvier receives a play ground catalog where an entire section is dedicated to inclusive play equipment. If interested, she is happy to let Board Members borrow it.

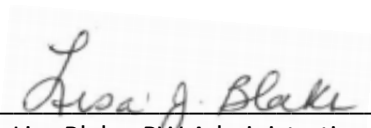
Council Update

The study session was moved to 5:00pm. The Parks Board portion is from 5:00pm - 5:45pm. After his session is another study session for the subarea plan for Carty Road. Steve is doing the presentation.

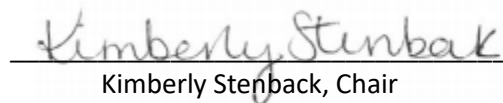
Requests from the Board for Upcoming Meetings

None

ADJOURN - [8:15 PM](#)



Lisa Blake, PW Administrative Assistant



Kimberly Stenbak, Chair