



CITY OF RIDGEFIELD, WASHINGTON

Parks Board MEETING MINUTES

February 12, 2020

Regular Meeting - 12:00 AM

GENERAL SESSION CALL TO ORDER - 6:30 PM

ROLL CALL

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

FLAG SALUTE

Late changes to the agenda - [6:31 PM](#)

None

PUBLIC COMMENT - [6:32 PM](#)

Jocelyn Lawrence, Ruby Costa and Larkin Costa, Girl Scout Cadettes from Troop 12306, shared a quick presentation on the benefits of bat houses and asked for permission to place one at Abrams, Overlook and Davis Parks. Bats play a vital role in the ecosystem by eating numerous bugs, insects and mosquitoes. Completing this project qualifies them for a Girl Scouts Silver Award. This award requires you to make or do something in the community that makes a difference and can be observed for years after completion.

CONSENT AGENDA - [6:40 PM](#)

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES AS SUBMITTED.

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

1. Approval of Minutes from Wednesday, 1/8/20 Meeting

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

1. Harper's Playground Update, Marie Bouvier - [6:40 PM](#)

Last November, Board Member Marie Bouvier attended a workshop on Harpers Playground and presented information on it. As we move forward with planning, we need to reach out to key stakeholders for input, work with a landscape architect on a design concept, compile a donor list of park amenities and discuss the budgeting process in funding this project.

OLD BUSINESS - [7:28 PM](#)

1. Park Naming Update, Bryan Kast

Bryan shared feedback from Council on naming the future park. While Council was interested in recognizing the Gretsche family they also expressed interest in recognizing the Horns family who originally homesteaded that area back in the 1920s where it was called Horns Corner. As a result, Council chose the name of Horns Corner Park. Within the park is a plaza in a commercial area that surrounds a historic pear tree. The plaza would be named Gretsche Plaza.

NEW BUSINESS - [7:30 PM](#)

1. Parks & Trails Volunteer Program, Bryan Kast

With spring around the corner it was decided to schedule the first quarterly parks and trails volunteer cleanup event on Saturday, March 21, 2020 at Abram's Park.

2. 2020 Comprehensive Parks Plan/CFP Update, Steve Duh

Steve Duh, with Conservation Technix, provided an update of his work on the 2020 Parks Comprehensive Plan. He reviewed what the master plan is, the planning process and key recommendations. The plan includes goals and objects, a capital projects list and communications on where Ridgefield is today, the challenges and key projects going forward. This plan focuses on three core questions; what are our strengths, how should we serve our local community and where should we focus our efforts within the next six years given our rate of growth? The six year window is related to the states granting requirements. He shared highlights from the city wide survey completed in 2019. There was a strong demand for more walking and biking trails as well as more picnic areas, shelters and playgrounds. This is consistent with what we heard during the community outreach events. In summary, he offered two core themes; take care of existing parks and facilities and expand opportunities to include facilities that offer other experiences such as pickleball, volleyball, splash pad, etc. He opened it up for Board discussion which was followed by a motion to present this plan at the city council study session on March 12th.

MOTION TO FORWARD THE 2020 PARKS COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AS PRESENTED TO CITY COUNSEL FOR THEIR REVIEW.

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

3. Horns Corner Debrief, Bryan Kast

As a follow up to the Board's site visit on Saturday, February 8, of the future park next to the new apartments on Pioneer street, Board Members suggested there be good signage for dogs and waste containers. They talked about an amphitheater, trail connections to Heron Woods and Cedar Ridge developments. Also ensure there's adequate drainage under the trail, have art in the park and re-planting in the wet development areas. They liked the idea of lighted trails, covered picnic shelters and signage on the history of that area. An observation made was that the entrance to the city park be off Settlers Drive and not the entrance to the apartment complex. Overall parking is a main consideration.

PUBLIC COMMENT - [8:35 PM](#)

Sandy Schill, Ridgefield resident. The Nature play area at Abrams is very dear to Ron Onslow and herself. They have arranged for the 4-H girls to be involved by creating signs. Sandy asked to include Ron in the planning of the first volunteer day, March 21, and his volunteers will show up.

STAFF REPORTS - [8:42 PM](#)

Public Works Update

We have new picnic tables at Abrams. There is a Commission on Aging Event hosted by Clark County Public Health on April 9th. If interested in attending let staff know. Bryan will provide an update on PIF fees at next month's meeting.

FROM THE BOARD - [8:45 PM](#)

Board Member Updates

Board Member Davis talked about how popular pickleball is in a 55 and older community.

Board Member Bouvier created a presentation on covered skate parks and will present it at a future meeting.

Board Member Rose is a member of neighborhood watch and they have been talking about neighborhoods overseeing and keeping track of the trails in their community and reporting if there are any issues.

Chair Kimberly Stenbak presented the Parks Board 2020 Work Plan at a City Council meeting. She spoke with a member of the Cemetery Board interested in partnering with the Parks Board. She met the architect landscape designer with SGA Engineering who may be able to provide some guidance on park planning. She spoke with officer Ferris who provided an interesting perspective on trails and need for signage in case of an emergency.

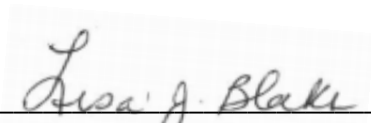
Council Update

This was already mentioned in Board Member Updates

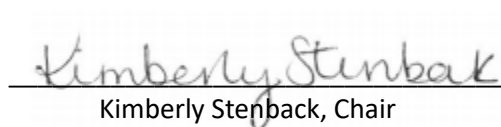
Requests from the Board for Upcoming Meetings

Keep working on planning the Parks and Trails Tour for 2020. Staff will provide the Board with details as more information is available.

ADJOURN - [8:56 PM](#)



Lisa Blake, PW Administrative Assistant



Kimberly Stenbak, Chair