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Meeting Minutes Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee

Thursday, May 2, 2013

6:00 pm

The Olympia Center, Room 200

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m.

1.A ROLL CALL

Present: 8 - Chair Robert L (Rob) Ahlschwede, Vice Chair Jim Nieland, Committee Member Barbara Benson, Committee Member Robert Dengel, Committee Member Joel Hansen, Committee Member Gerry Hodge, Committee Member Dave Hughes, and Committee Member Brian Tomlinson

Absent: 2 - Committee Member Jesse Dwyer, and Committee Member Noah C McCord

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.A [13-0359](#) Approval of April 11, 2013 PRAC Meeting Minutes

The minutes were approved.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. James Reddick reminded Committee members to turn in raffle ticket sales for the PARC foundation raffle. He reported he was working with Tenino and Thurston County to schedule the next Regional Park Board meeting. He stated he believes in multiple uses at the Artesian Park and it needs to have more active facilities like basketball. The PARC foundation was approached to receive donation of a piece of property on Harrison Avenue. The Foundation cannot accept but suggested the property be donated to a non-profit organization.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Committee Members Hodge and Hansen reported on the recent community meeting that was held regarding the Ward Lake water quality. Staff from Thurston County and City of

Olympia reviewed the last 18 years of water quality data and described testing that was done to check for contamination.

Associate Planner Jonathon Turlove indicated The Evergreen State College has not authorized use of their campus for an interim dog park. Staff has contacted the owners of all four possible sites and all property owners have declined the interim dog park use.

6. BUSINESS ITEMS

2013 Park Evaluations

Committee Member Hodge opened with a discussion on whether the Committee wanted to continue the park evaluation effort this year and whether the information collected was valuable to park staff. Mr. Turlove indicated staff values information collected from the evaluations, as it indicates who uses the park, what minor or major repairs are needed, and gives Committee members the opportunity to interact with the public. The Committee agreed to continue park evaluations for 2013. Evaluation packets will be handed out at the June meeting. In October, each Committee member will report back to the Committee with evaluation results.

2013 Work Plan

Mr. Turlove gave an update on each work plan item. Leads and subcommittee members were assigned as needed.

7. REPORTS

North Capitol Campus Heritage Park Development Association

Nothing to report as the Association is waiting for funding from the State to become available.

Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee

Nothing to report.

Planning Commission

Liasion has not been appointed yet.

PARC Foundation of Thurston County

The Jocelyn Endowment has a \$10,000 grant available for a classical choral project.

8. OTHER TOPICS - None

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Upcoming

The next PRAC meeting will be June 6, 2013.

