

MINUTES
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
Monday, July 24th 2006 – 10 A.M. - CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM

ROLL CALL: Sue Austin Chair, Gary Pietsch Vice Chair, Wendy Nieman, Council Liaison: Sandra Lamson, Don Helander and P&R Director Kim Woodruff. **ABSENT:** Student Liaison: David Dye

MINUTES

The June 26th minutes were approved as read.

REFUND POLICY FOR P&R ACTIVITIES

Sandpoint Parks and Rec. is readdressing their current refund/credit policy. Recreation Supervisor Jason Wiley provided the Commission with copies of the current refund policy as well as a potential revised policy for discussion. Commission members were in support of the revised policy and moved to recommend to council that it be implemented with the added addendum that expediting the refund process be addressed. The revised policy will raise the refund-processing fee from \$5 to \$10 and require those inquiring fill out a refund/credit request form.

CITY CODE NO DOGS IN CITY PARKS

After discussion Commission recommended to City Council that the no dogs in city parks ordinance be revised at Farmin Park and Jeff Jones Square. The Commissions recommendation was to allow dogs “on leashes” in these two parks only with the caveat that P&R installs a Mutt Mitt station in each park.

COMMERCIAL EVENT PROPOSAL

Sandpoint Crisis Pregnancy Center is proposing a 1-day walk a thon at Travers Park on the bike path in Oct. Commission members agreed it would fit the criteria for previously discussed shoulder season (school in session) and as a fundraiser would fall under a commercial event heading. The Commission recommended the activity be approved if all P&R requirements are met.

PARK COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

UofI Architecture professors took a tour of Sandpoint’s parks July 20th. The architecture students will arrive Aug 24, 25 to tackle several areas of emphasis. First to split city into quadrants and decide which neighborhoods are deficient of parks. Second to appraise current foot and bike path corridors and devise a plan to expand and connect them as the city expands.

NEW 7-ACRE PARK UNDER DEVELOPMENT

Gary Pietsch asked for an extension in regards to naming the park. Director Woodruff informed the Commission the access road from Lincoln is underway in addition to the sub base in preparation for the pavement at the church, bike path, and parking.

UPDATES FROM PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR

Director Woodruff will be presenting the P&R 2007 budget to City Council Aug. 3rd. The 2nd Milfoil treatment at City Beach took place today July 24th. Funding for a Memorial Bench at City Beach is still underway. Energy Electric got the bid to install lights on a timer at the City Beach tennis courts. The courts should be playable by the end of July. Lakeview tennis courts are seeing increased use since the they have been re-surfaced. Volunteer athletes from SHS are preparing the Memorial grandstands for a coat of burgundy red paint.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be Monday Aug 28th in the City Hall Conference Room at 10 a.m.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

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