

MINUTES
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
Monday, Aug 28th 2006 – 10 A.M. - CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM

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

MINUTES

The July 24th minutes were approved as read.

KING OF THE KONGCRETE

The Parks and Rec Department hosted its first skateboard competition at the Concrete Lake Skatepark on Saturday August 26th. The event was a success drawing 32 participants. The Skatepark committee, partnering with P&R, will use proceeds from the event to help purchase a security camera that will hopefully deter future vandalism at the Skatepark.

BARB VERANIAM MEMORIAL BENCH

Ellen Weissman presented a revised bench model to the commission. A proposed location near the toys on the N.E. side of the beach was discussed in addition to a ground breaking date on March 20th and a dedication date on Earth Day in April 2007. The Commission approved the design as presented and recommended the project proceed subject to approval from the cities risk management company and adherence to playground safety standards. Director Woodruff asked that specs for the memorial plaque also be submitted for approval. Ellen volunteered to supply P&R with the requested information.

PARK COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

As part of a visit from 38 U of I Architecture and Landscape Architecture students, three teams of 4 members each toured Sandpoint's parks Aug. 24th 2006. The students, lead by city employees, were tasked to address: 1) Trails and pathways, both existing and problems and issues with those existing and possible future paths. 2) Lakeview park, address the question "what if the sewer treatment plant were gone," and how we might facilitate expansions for the museum and the Lions Club. 3) Brainstorming for the new park being built North of the Assembly of God Church off of Lincoln. 4) Developing a path system for those less ambulatory at the Mickinick trail head. 5) Revenue generating ideas for the city such as replacing Dubs Field with an RV park. The students should present their projects to the city at a date to be appointed in October 2006.

NEW 7-ACRE PARK UNDER DEVELOPMENT

Gary Pietsch was given a name to contact the Kalispell Tribe and will be drafting a letter in regards naming the 7-acre park.

DOGS IN FARMIN PARK AND JEFF JONES SQUARE

The Commission added to their recommendation to council that Kim ask Farmers Market representatives be consulted as to what problems if any they see with dogs on pathways at Farmin Park and Jeff Jones Sq.

UPDATES FROM PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR

Director Woodruff informed the commission that treatments for Milfoil had been completed. According to Weed Control results will be most evident next summer. The P & R Department will be implementing the revised refund policy for recreation activities as of October 2006. City Beach tennis court lights are turned off at 11pm P&R is considering installing a shield due to complaints of the lights being too bright late at night.

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.

Kami Blood, Administrative Assistant Parks and Recreation Department