

MINUTES
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
Monday, May 23rd, 2011 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. – City Hall 1st Floor Conference Room

ROLL CALL: Sue Austin Chair, Jim DuBuisson, Collin Burnett, Gwen Victorson, P&R Director Kim Woodruff. **ABSENT:** Tom Albertson, Wendy Nieman, Student Representative Ellie Engel, & Councilman John Reuter

MINUTES:

April 25th, 2011 minutes were approved as presented.

SIGNS FOR LAKEVIEW PARK REFLECTING REVISED ORDINENCE #1247

Commission asked staff to confirm that 1) all signage is in place for parks that do permit dogs and 2) in parks that do not permit dogs, signs are in place that say, “No Dogs.”

PLAYGROUND UPDATE FOR 2011

Parks crew will be addressing playground accessibility by installing ramps and appropriate ground cover in select parks. The next location for major renovation is Pine Street Park. Most current playground amenities target 5- 12 year olds. Commissioners asked that P&R try to integrate some toys/ features into existing playgrounds and future renovations, for toddlers.

LINDA HARDER - PRESENTATION ON TOBACCO FREE PARKS

Representing the North Idaho Tobacco Free Coalition, Linda Harder presented a power point on the merits of smoke free areas in public parks. With the intent of protecting children from second hand smoke and cigarette butts, she explained to Commissioners that Center for Disease Control (CDC) recently provided funding to states, so that health districts may provide presentations encouraging smoke free policies or signage within public parks, and outdoor recreation areas. As examples, Harder sited several Cities in our region that have adopted various smoke free policies. Harder also informed Commissioners that the CDC provides free signs for this effort. Following the presentation and discussion Commissioners were supportive of installing signs that would send a positive message encouraging smoke free zones around playground structures. The signs chosen by the Commission are suggestive only and not regulatory and will be placed at the discretion of the parks and rec department.

CONSESSIONS UPDATE

Opening Day is Memorial Day Weekend May 30th, 2011

BUDGET OVERVIEW BY DIRECTOR

Commissioners were informed of preparations at marinas for projected Lake flooding in June. Staff was directed to provide Commissioners copies of maps detailing Hwy 95 Byway properties that will be maintenance by the City when the project is complete. City Beach to Windbag Park and Marina connector pathway is completed with substantial completion of the entire project by June 27th. Director shared a potential art project with Commissioners for a proposed art bench at the end of the new Windbag breakwater. City Council approved Sun Bear Ice Cream Truck to use projected music inside City parks. Thorco was awarded the contract for Memorial Field lighting project. Council approved project to draw water from Chucks Slew to irrigate: Travers, Centennial, and Great Northern Fields.

SUMMER MEETING SCHEDULE

Chair Austin polled Commission members regarding monthly meetings this summer. It was consensus that regular monthly meetings would be suspended but that the Commission would meet as needed.

Next Scheduled Meeting: September 26th 2011

Meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

Kami Omodt, Administrative Assistant Parks and Recreation Department