

PARKS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Date and Time: February 17, 2009 at 6:00 PM

Location: Conference Room A, Redmond City Hall

Members Attending: Richard Lance, Jeff Komer, Dennis Erisman

Staff Present: Curt Peterson, Parks Operations Supervisor; C. Doty, Director; Tanya Swisher, Public Works Administration; Rick Torassa, City Arborist

Others Present: Shirlee Evans, Councilor; Katie Hammer, RAPRD; Trish Pinkerton, Redmond Spokesman; Susan Torassa

DECISION ITEMS

Minutes: Dennis Erisman made a motion to approve the January 28, 2008 Parks Commission meeting minutes, Richard Lance seconded the motion. All are in favor and the minutes were approved as amended.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Parks Foundation:

T. Swisher distributed the articles of incorporation and bylaws for the foundation. R. Lance and D. Erisman show interest in participating themselves in the foundation, but also know of other interest groups that could assist the foundation board with various projects. S. Evans sees value in possibly having some of the board members of the foundation be non-commissioners because the time commitment can be intense if one is involved in both groups. She is also working with a special interest group who desire to develop and maintain the Redmond Trails through volunteerism. They will be meeting Thursday, February 19th in the lobby of the Redmond Hotel at 6pm. This may be one group that could be incorporated into the activities of the foundation (for example, an advisory committee to the board for Redmond's trails). The foundation will be continued for another year and revisited at that time.

Canyon planning: G. Parks could not be in attendance, but sent out his feedback regarding plan. R. Lance brought a sketch for everyone to look at, but can discuss further at the next few meetings. C. Doty showed and discussed vehicular access on a map. City does have right away next to the LDS church, but don't want to use unless absolutely necessary. J. Komer also had some plans that showed the repositioning of the fire access road. Most involved are interested in preserving pedestrian areas to the greatest extent possible.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vandalism Report: C. Petersen gave a powerpoint presentation on vandalism activities in the parks along with costs for 2008. Various acts include broken sprinkler heads, graffiti, restroom fires, etc. The Parks Division has been collecting this information for the past 5 years. Total cost of cleaning up vandalism for 2008 is \$7125. Police, cadets and timely clean-up helps to deter vandalism. Cameras have

been considered, but those have suffered vandalism as well. It may be prudent to consider camera surveillance in the most frequently vandalized areas. The commission would like more information on installing surveillance cameras in areas that suffer the most vandalism. Another form of surveillance could be through volunteer efforts of those who would patrol on various shifts; suggested by S. Torassa. The time commitment to drive to each park roundtrip is approximately an hour and a half. Cadets patrol from 10a-8p. The report concludes that, overall, the numbers are down. The commission would like to know what the vandalism trend might be.

Trail Extension Update: C. Petersen had a powerpoint to show the progress on the trail extension project. The contractors are currently working on Spruce and a little on Obsidian. The project is funded through a state grant. This project initially started in 2001 with a request from the neighborhood at spruce who were interested in direct access to the canyon. Water and sewer lines had to be relocated which is the reason for the delays. Current completion target is mid-March. Stairs will be concrete with metal rails. The concrete on older staircases is breaking down where the rails are posted in per R. Lance. Staircases at Pumice and the Paul Hathaway Memorial Overlook do not have funding and public works has requested for stimulus appropriations. The other side of Spruce may be planned with the waterline project. There will be some trail grading to enhance access from the parking lot to the trail at American Legion. This is to mitigate right-in/right-out access off of Rimrock. Stone hedge owns the fenced property in the canyon and allowed the city to purchase approximately 5 acres to allow the extension of the trail.

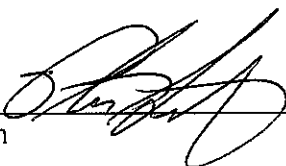
Parks Budget: Next year's budget will be brought within the next couple of meetings to show what has been planned for the next fiscal year.

Athletic Fields: Commissioners would like to see an update on the new ball field. Bases will be ordered soon.

Parks Commission Meeting: The next scheduled meeting will be held Tuesday, March 17th.

The meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED by the Parks Commission and SIGNED by the Chairperson this 17th day of March, 2009.



Chairperson