

PARKS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Date and Time: January 19, 2010 at 6:30 PM
Location: Conference Room, Fire Station
Members Attending: Gary Parks, Richard Lance, Jeff Komer, Cyndie Bell
Staff Present: Chris Doty, Director; Tanya Swisher, Public Works Administration
Others Present: Katie Hammer, RAPRD; Christina Lamoureux, RAPRD

DECISION ITEMS

Minutes:

Richard Lance made a motion to approve the December 15, 2009 Parks Commission meeting minutes, Jeff Komer seconded the motion. All are in favor and the minutes were approved.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

There are no discussion items.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Project updates:

American Legion

- Restroom bids were collected and the award went to the lowest bidder--Keeton-King. The city is responsible for providing a match according to the grant. The stage and seating will be that match. The restroom design will emulate that of the stage and a concession area is included. The restrooms will be single stalls that can be opened and closed on an as-needed basis. The project is expected to be complete at the end of April.
- C. Doty met with Entre Prises last week to kick off the climbing boulders project. The team has been challenged with designing boulders that will be iconic to Redmond and will blend with the canyon walls. The holds can be repositioned to create new climbing patterns. Swing sets will be incorporated into the boulders, but provided by a different company (not yet identified). G. Parks inquired about how vandalism resistant the boulders would be. C. Doty believes the material to be quite resilient and easy to remedy with matched paint. The project is expected to be complete at the end of April.

Off-Leash Dog Area

- City staff continues to work with Kelly Ramey on the off-leash area. The idea of building a spec fence to advertise the amenity is being entertained. The advertising will communicate that the area is the future location of an off-leash dog park and where to make donations. The signage used will be an example of what future advertisements, available for purchase, would look like. Signs will face in towards the park.

Homestead Park

- There are no new updates on the Homestead Park (formerly Frank and Josephine Redmond Park). Park development is driven by volunteer efforts. Thus far, a kiosk has been placed, a soft trail constructed and the BMX support group has sketches of a track. City staff will facilitate these volunteer projects where necessary. Upcoming needs include trenching for irrigation and procurement and planting of trees. The commission supported S. Evans in the name change at a previous meeting. She was also taking it to the Historical Commission. R. Lance suggested that the park could be a focus of the Earth Day celebration.

Memorials:

- A type of bench that can be used for memorials in the canyon was chosen and presented to the Commission. This particular type of bench was chosen because it blends with the natural state of the area, it is more difficult to vandalize with paint or markers and it is more difficult to skate on. A darker color would be chosen since it facilitates blending. The benches would be set in concrete and memorial plaques could be bolted to the structure. Placement of the plaques was not identified. The benches would be placed approximately every quarter-mile and about 5-feet from the path. Trash receptacles would also be strategically placed to allow for easy and timely pickup.

Budget:

- Budget planning is wrapping up and there should be a budget for fiscal year 2010-2011 for the Commission to review in a couple of meetings.

Centennial Park:

- Centennial Park is progressing and many of the amenities are beginning to take shape.

Master Plan:

- The Commission can return focus to the master plan for north of Black Butte for both the short-term and long-term.


Public Comment

There are no public comments.

Next Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 16, 2010.

The meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED by the Parks Commission and SIGNED by the Chairperson this 16th day of February, 2010.



Chairperson