



**PARKS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

Date and Time: February 16, 2010 at 6:30 PM

Location: Conference Room, Fire Station

Members Attending: Gary Parks, Richard Lance, Jeff Komer, Peter Seitz

Staff Present: Curt Peterson, Parks Operations Supervisor; Chris Doty, Director; Tanya Swisher, Public Works Administration

Others Present: Katie Hammer, RAPRD; Shirlee Evans, City Council Liaison;

**DECISION ITEMS**

Minutes:

Richard Lance made a motion to approve the January 19, 2010 Parks Commission meeting minutes, Jeff Komer seconded the motion. All are in favor and the minutes were approved.

Nomination of Commission Members for the Redmond Parks Foundation Board:

Cyndie Bell (An email will be sent to Cyndie to verify her interest.)  
Richard Lance  
Jeff Komer

Gary Parks made a motion to approve the nomination of the aforementioned Commission Members for the Redmond Parks Foundation Board, Peter Seitz seconded the motion. The nominations were approved.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

There were no discussion items at this time.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Project updates: C. Petersen and C. Doty provided a powerpoint presentation of the following:

American Legion

- Keeton-King has begun work on the area where the boulders and play area will be located. Images of clay models of the boulders were provided. The 7' boulder is designed for ages 5-12 and those younger than 5 will not be able to climb it. Ian Caldwell, the State Parks consultant, suggested including nooks as interesting play features. The tops of the boulders will be flat for sitting and an easy way down will be built in. The facing of the boulders is also under consideration so as to provide and take advantage of shaded areas. The 4' boulder will not have hand holds and is longer in nature allowing parents to be a part of children's play. Internal access will be included for easier maintenance. The 10' boulder will be much more intricate and is designed for those with some experience.

### Off-Leash Dog Area

- The opportunity has not quite matured at this time. There is a volunteer coordinator, Kelly Ramey, that interested parties can contact. There is also a contractor that is willing to help build and install the fence.

### Frank & Josephine Park

- A volunteer group called "I Heart Redmond" is coordinating an event that would allocate volunteers to work on the existing and future trails to remove bunch grass.
- Dirt for the pump track area was delivered recently. Eric Helie of Trinity Bikes is the lead coordinator on the project with Shirlee's oversight. Many details are under discussion, including the need to be aesthetically pleasing from the reroute and meticulously maintained.

### Centennial

- City staff has been training on the proper care of the water feature.

### Volunteerism

- The Ministerial Association has organized a volunteer event called, "I Heart Redmond." The event will provide volunteers to various areas, including Homestead Park and Quince Park. It is scheduled for Saturday, March 13<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- Earth Day will be held in April. More details will follow.

### Vandalism

- The following locations were vandalized with graffiti:
  - Spruce staircase
  - Maple Bridge
  - Trail head kiosk

### Budget

- A balanced budget will be presented next week. The goals are to:
  - Finish projects that are in queue, such as Hathaway, Homestead and the latter stages of American Legion
  - Continue to maintain the current parks system and its amenities
  - Facilitate volunteer projects
  - Save money to address future debt service since growth has not been as robust as originally planned
  - Not fill the manager position and focus those funds on maintenanceThe urban renewal district will pay for maintenance on Centennial Park. The reserves are healthy because of past conservation practices. Thus, some maintenance projects and equipment will be fulfilled. Lastly, some unfinished projects can be completed (Fairhaven and Baker)

### Master planning

- A draft of the plans that arose from the walking tour will be done and a focus on master planning can continue in July beginning with the area north of Black Butte.

### **Public Comment**

There are no public comments at this time.

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

The meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED by the Parks Commission and SIGNED by the Chairperson this 20<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2010.



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Chairperson