

**City of Puyallup  
Parks, Recreation and Senior Advisory Board  
Meeting Minutes  
September 14, 2015**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chair Keith Sherrill, Michelle Chatterton (6:04 p.m.), Stephanie Garretson-Blume, and Bill Hilton

**BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:** Vice Chair Phil Schumock (excused), Debbie Carling, and Georga Prossick

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:** Parks and Recreation Director Sarah Harris, Property and Facilities Manager Deke Jones, Senior Planner Chris Beale, Planning Intern Woody Shaufler, Pavilion Manager Dick Weber, Activity Center Supervisor Doug McCormick, and Deputy City Clerk Erika Sullivan

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**Board Action:** A motion was made by Mr. Hilton, second by Ms. Garretson-Blume to approve the agenda as presented. The motion passed 4-0.

**PRESENTATIONS/PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Paul Mahoney pointed out that the proposed dog park at Rainier Woods park had been previously approved by the PRSB, and believed it was inappropriate for a board member in opposition to make a motion about the project. He expressed his disapproval regarding motion protocols and meeting rules.

Mr. Robin Ordonez encouraged the board to approve a dog park at Rainier Woods, and said that approximately 500 residents support the project.

Ms. Loli Mahoney spoke about her 4-H club, Pups and Pals. She stated that club members would like to see a dog park in the neighborhood to promote healthy safe play for their dogs and socialization.

Mr. Bud Metzger stated it was hard to comment on a plan and topics he could not review prior to the meeting, and noted his difficulty locating the trail maps. He suggested following Robert's Rules of Order during meetings.

Ms. Linda Ellis asked questions about the Deadman's Pond trail plan, and spoke about posting private property adjacent to the open space. She expressed concern about the cottonwood trees and asked about precautionary measures for dense undergrowth and debris.

**Board Action:** The board briefly adjourned to review Robert's Rules of Order.

## CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

**Board Action:** After a quorum was reached, a motion was made to approve the minutes as submitted by Ms. Garretson-Blume, second by Ms. Chatterton. The motion passed 4-0.

## CONSIDERATIONS AND REQUESTS

Chair Sherrill proceeded with the Clarks Creek Loop Trail presentation, so the board could be as effective as possible and serve the audience. He also noted that this presentation was informational in nature, and no action would be taken until a quorum was reached.

### Clarks Creek Loop Trail

Senior Planner Chris Beale presented an overview of a potential new trail network in the Clarks Creek area, preliminarily dubbed the 'Clarks Creek Loop Trail.' He said the trail would utilize existing city owned park, open space property, city right-of-way, and a newly acquired city property to form an approximately 4-mile trail loop in the area near Clarks Creek. Mr. Beale stated that the majority of the trail already exists and implementation challenges to the trail included Dead Man's Pond, crosswalks, and sidewalk connections.

Discussion ensued and the board consensus was that this was a beneficial idea, and safe crossings would be required. Ms. Garretson-Blume inquired about trail markers and directional signs, and Mr. Beale suggested having children assist with creating signage.

### Field Naming Request – Wildwood Field #2

Parks and Recreation Director Sarah Harris relayed that Council Member Swanson initiated a request to rename Wildwood Park Baseball Field #2 "Jonathan Lester" field. Jonathan Lester is a Puyallup native who played baseball in our Recreation Programs, and is a major league pitcher for the Chicago Cubs. He won two World Series championships with the Boston Red Sox and does charitable work for the Hutchinson Cancer Research Center. He also formed an organization called "Never Quit" in 2011 to support kids in their battle against cancer.

**Board Action:** A motion was made to support the proposal that would rename Wildwood Park Baseball Field #2 "Jonathan Lester" field by Ms. Garretson-Blume, second by Ms. Chatterton. The motion passed 4-0.

### Private Park Land Study

Mr. Beale and Planning Intern Woody Shaufler identified the study of private park space as a part of the 2014 Private Open Space (PROS) plan update, and presented a study of space located within the City of Puyallup. Mr. Beale explained the developer is required to set aside either 25% of the space as PROS space, or 10% if a minimum of 500 square feet of yard space is provided. Mr. Shaufler and Mr. Beale discussed several developments including Fruitland Estates, Heartland Meadows, Villages of South Hill and La Grande PROS space and noted the conditions and improvements on private parks that are part of Planned Residential Development subdivisions.

Board discussion began regarding density bonus and maintenance responsibilities for PROS spaces. Mr. Beale explained that PROS spaces can become public parks, maintained by the public. Board members requested additional information about feasibility and usage in the future, and informally supported this idea.

## **STAFF REPORTS**

### Recreation Report – August 2015

Ms. Harris announced that 2015 Summer Concerts in the Park series concluded on August 20th, and over 21,000 concert goers attended the concerts. She also discussed events at Bradley Lake Park, which included the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Hounds on the Hill Charity Dog Walk & Street Fair in partnership with the South Hill Rotary and 450 campers at the Community Campout, held on August 15th and August 22nd respectively. Ms. Harris thanked all the sponsors for their generous donations.

Camp Yougottawanna ended a successful summer with a total of 979 campers over 10 weeks, Ms. Harris highlighted that the program doubled projected revenue. She also discussed the popular Little Kids Kamp with a total of 100 campers attending over 6 weeks.

Ms. Harris announced the second season of adult softball is underway, offering 12 games and a single elimination playoff tournament. Games will be played at the Puyallup Valley Sports Complex through the month of September, and there are 40 teams signed up for five different leagues.

### Senior Activities Report – August 2015

Activity Center Supervisor Doug McCormick reported on the greeting card making class on Monday mornings; the Activity Center Annual Picnic on August 5th; the Diablo Lake Tour; and the Quilting Bee on Friday mornings. He also related that the guests of honor at the Hawaiian-themed Annual Picnic included Mayor John Knutsen, Deputy Mayor John Hopkins, Councilmember Julie Door, and Councilmember Steve Vermillion. He also discussed a hole in the Senior Activities Center due to a homeowner installing a bathtub, and will work with Facilities to resolve this issue.

### Upcoming Events – September 2015

Ms. Harris noted upcoming events at the Activity Center including the Annual Cattle Drive Volunteers on September 11, 2015; Seattle Mariners Game on September 13, 2015; Crystal Mountain Gondola on September 14, 2015; the Puyallup Activity Center Booth at the Fair on September 20, 2015; a Mysterious Mystery Trip on September 22-24, 2015; and a Wellness Program “Tips for Sleeping Soundly on September 25, 2015.

Ms. Harris mentioned that the Toddler Campus Pre-school began on September 8, 2015; the Fall Basketball Training begins on September 15, 2015; the Kids Love Soccer Program, youth indoor soccer practices, and youth flag football practices start on September 19, 2015; and the Punt, Pass and Kick competition will be held on September 26, 2015.

Parks Report – August 2015

Facilities Manager Deke Jones discussed 275 volunteers for the Day of Service at the Woodbine Cemetery. He noted the LDS Church, volunteers, and staff worked brilliantly. Mr. Jones also provided the following updates:

- a booster pump and new buckets were installed at the Pioneer Park Spray Park;
- application for \$110,000 in matching grant funds for the DeCoursey Tennis Courts;
- Riverwalk Trail and encampment clean-up included 90 hours of staff time and 23 yard dump trucks filled with encampment debris, which continues to impact city operations, resources, and staff capacity;
- skate park scheduled to reopen on September 15, 2015, and the projects may be completed in the fall or next spring based on material costs;
- a caretaker has been vetted for Deadman's Pond;
- cemetery lead position was not backfilled, and those duties will be performed by an existing Parks Maintenance Worker III; and
- target date to present the phased plan for Recreation Center and Memorial Building to council is October 27, 2015.

**BOARD COMMENTS – FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Chair Sherrill requested the Recreation Center and Memorial Building updates in October, and walk the 4-mile loop for Clarks Creek Loop Trail. Board discussion ensued regarding the trail book, and Ms. Harris noted the cost for printed books and planned to provide an electronic version.

Ms. Harris announced that the spray park consultant would be in attendance at the October meeting.

Mr. Beale commented that the Pierce County Trails Association Conference will be held at the Activity Center on October 14, 2015, and Mr. Hilton will be receiving an award.

**ADJOURNMENT:** 7:09 p.m.