

Regular Meeting.
 Parks Commission July 6, 2015 4:30 p.m.
 Dunlap Island

Present: Urbanski, Wyman, Louhela, M. Krick.
 Absent: Badger, Krohn, Stowell.
 Staff: C. Peterson, L. Peterson.
 Others: L. Wilkinson, R. Reeves.

MINUTES

The minutes of the June 1, 2015 regular meeting were presented and approved.

COMMUNITY ED REPORT

- June Beach attendance was up compared to last year.
 - Slip and slide safety breaks have been very popular.
- Flag Day walk was held June 13th.
 - Approximately 70 attended but there was some confusion over the actual date of the event.
- A listing of upcoming events and classes was presented.

CITY STAFF REPORT

- Capital Improvement Program – Staff presented an overview of the draft Parks CIP. The program was selected using previous input from the Park Commission, Riverfront Task Force and Master Plan Task Force. The total program represent approximately 7 million dollars in sales tax expenditures and does not account for outside funding opportunities which may be available going forward.
 - Commissioner Louhela expressed concerns over past skate park issues. A discussion was held about the facilities history and the importance of location and operations.
 - Commissioner Urbanski expressed a desire to see the Pine Valley bike trail moved up on the schedule as a low cost improvement which has been in the works for a number of years.
 - Commissioner Wyman inquired about the expenditure shown for the Hockey Arena. Staff explained that while the Commission has not historically been involved with Hockey, the programmed dollars are intended to address some immediate maintenance concerns with the roof and mechanical systems at the Arena. Historically these expenses are financed by the City and paid back by the Association over a number of years.
 - Understanding the schedule may change significantly depending on the availability of funding, the Commission was generally in support of the CIP as presented.
- Staff expressed a special thanks to Commissioners Urbanski and Krohn for their assistance with the Legacy Funding request for Pine Valley. Applications for regional designation were submitted for both Pine Valley and the Riverfront.
- Staff presented a site plan for planned improvements at Hilltop Park including a new disc golf course and development of a fourth field. Plan will be bid in July with construction to take place in fall 2015.

COMMISSIONERS UPDATE

- Commissioner Louhela stated she received a call regarding developing a dog park at Pinehurst. A discussion was held about the history of similar requests and how such facilities have never been identified as a priority improvement. Residents are always welcome to attend a meeting and address the Commission with any ideas or concerns.
- Commissioner Urbanski handed out information on FDLTCC's summer concert series.
- Commissioner Wyman gave an overview of another successful 4th of July Celebration.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting to be held August 3, 2015, 4:30 p.m. at Braun Park.

On motion duly carried by a unanimous yea vote of all members present, the Parks Commission adjourned.



Secretary