



PARKS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Date and Time: 16 August 2011; 6:00 pm

Location: Redmond Fire Station, Conference Room

Commission Members Present: Cyndie Bell; Andy Hoffman; Richard Lance; Shelly Neal; Gordon Wiseman; Shirlee Evans, Council Liaison

Public Works Staff Present: Mike Caccavano, Engineering Division Manager; Curt Petersen, Parks Operations Supervisor; Susan Bailey, Administration

Media/Others Present: Katie Hammer, RAPRD; Trish Pinkerton, Redmond Spokesman

CALL TO ORDER Lance called the meeting to order at 6:06 pm.

PUBLIC COMMENTS *(Items not on the Agenda)*

There were no public comments given at this time.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of Minutes from 21 June 2011

Bell moved to approve the minutes from 21 June 2011, as written; second by Hoffman. The minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

Approval of Minutes from 28 July 2011

Hoffman moved to approve the minutes from 28 July 2011, as written; second by Lance. The minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/UPDATES

Parks Update (C. Petersen)

Petersen explained that the Parks crews have been busy with summer maintenance including the downtown planters and flower baskets. Petersen discussed the aeration system at Fireman's Pond and continuing efforts to reduce the algae build-up. He noted that the repairs at the Skate Park are complete. Petersen provided additional information about the various parks facilities and an update on summer events. Petersen noted a recent fire in the Dry Canyon.

North Central Canyon Master Plan Council Decision (S. Evans)

Councilor Evans stated that the Council was presented with the North Central Canyon Master Plan and recommendations from the Parks Commission. She noted that the Council unanimously approved the plan.

Bicycle Refinement Plan (M. Caccavano)

Caccavano reviewed the Bicycle Refinement Plan that was completed by *b:spoke Planning and Design* through Portland State University. Caccavano explained that the goal of the plan was to increase the ridership in Redmond and to identify barriers within the City. The plan also identified strategies that would develop a

framework for a bike master plan along with safety concerns and usage. Caccavano discussed the elements of the plan including proposed routes, signage and demographic data collected.

Evans noted that we need better promotion of our trail system and that the bike plan should include a trails master plan. Evans suggested that the Commission make a recommendation on the plan, with their expertise in the park components, and inform Council if they recommend moving forward with a bicycle refinement plan. The Commission was supportive of the plan.

DISCUSSION/DECISION ITEMS

Use of Horses on the Canyon Trail –Code Review

Petersen explained that he received comments from a person riding horses in the Canyon and asking if the "no horses" provision could be removed from the signage. Petersen explained that the City Code does not allow horses in Canyon however, bridle trails could be designated. The Commission determined that City Code should continue to be followed and that horses not be allowed in the Canyon or on Canyon trails. Areas east of Redmond were discussed for bridle trails that would have trailer parking and accommodations for horses.

Future Agenda Items

1. North Canyon Master Plan Considerations/Canyon Access Plan
2. City Code Update for Parks
3. Advertising Policy

The next meeting is scheduled for 20 September 2011.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 7:28 pm.

APPROVED by the Parks Commission and SIGNED by the Chairperson this 20th day of September, 2011.



Chairperson