



**PARKS COMMISSION • MEETING MINUTES**

19 June 2013 (Wednesday) • 6:00 p.m.

Redmond Public Works • Warehouse Training Room

**Parks Commissioners Present:** Vice-Chair Richard Lance, Jerry Boysen, Gordon Wiseman (absent: *Dean Lanouette, Nicole McTavish, Linda Nolte, Gary Parks*)

**City Staff:** Bill Duerden, *Public Works Director*; Curt Petersen, *Park Operations Supervisor*; Heather Richards, *Community Development Director*; Cameron Prow, *TYPE-Write II*

**Visitors:** Katie Hammer, *Redmond Area Park and Recreation District (RAPRD)*; Hayes McCoy, Lori McCoy, Dennis Senko, Michelle Stanley, Dani Thomas, Lacy Thomas

*(scribe CP's note: The minutes were created from an audio record and notes taken at the meeting. The three digits after a motion title show the number of Commissioners voting in favor/against/abstaining.)*

**CALL TO ORDER**

Vice-Chair Lance opened the meeting at 6:07 p.m. without a quorum of Commissioners present.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Vice-Chair Lance said that Nicole McTavish and Dean Lanouette have been appointed to the Parks Commission. Commissioner McTavish is absent from tonight's meeting and will be absent from the July 2013 meeting due to a prior commitment. Commissioner Lanouette will be sworn in at the July 2013 meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS (None)**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Vice-Chair Lance postponed approval of the minutes from 20 March 2013 due to lack of a quorum. He requested clarification changes to Agenda Item 5. Parks Planner Update on Page 3.

**UPDATES – PRESENTATIONS**

1. Softball Field Presentation

Ms. McCoy said she and her husband have lived in Redmond and been involved in softball for 6½ years. Bowlby has been used for softball for 30 years. She presented her proposal (PowerPoint, map of Bowlby Field's Integration with the Dry Canyon Park, and a *Redmond Spokesman* article from April 3, 2013) to improve softball facilities/amenities at Bowlby and add a 4<sup>th</sup> playing field. Included in her presentation was an outline of how the proposed improvements would benefit the community economically. Redmond could host more tournaments if it had better facilities. The proposed upgrades are timely since the City is working on the Dry Canyon Master Plan.

Mr. McCoy explained how the addition of a 4<sup>th</sup> playing field would facilitate coordination and scheduling of games and practices. Teams from throughout Oregon are traveling to Redmond for tournaments; one team came from Idaho.

Commissioners requested *proof that Redmond's existing softball teams support Ms. McCoy's proposal and what those teams think the use priority for the 4<sup>th</sup> field should be.* Additional concerns included how the unimproved area between Sam Johnson Park and Bowlby will be utilized per the Dry Canyon Master Plan.

Mr. Duerden thanked Ms. McCoy for a great presentation.

2. Parks Division Update

- c. **Old Schoolhouse:** Ms. Richards reported that at the joint meeting with the Redmond Historic Landmarks Commission and the Parks Commission on May 23, 2013, a decision was made on how to respond to Roger Lee's oral proposal. He is still interested and is working to put everything together to relocate this building to Canyon Rim Village. After meeting with his Idaho contractor next week, Mr. Lee will prepare a written proposal for City Council to consider.

Vice-Chair Lance said three Parks Commissioners (himself, Nolte, and Wiseman) attended the Landmarks Commission meeting on May 23. Mr. Lee has proposed using this structure as a residential rental, preserving its integrity, and installing a plaque to inform the public of the building's historic nature. Both the Landmarks and Parks Commissions have been discussing what to do with this building since 2011. Ideas about preserving the schoolhouse and using it as a concession stand in its current Dry Canyon location did not receive sufficient support to be viable.

4. Park Survey Results

Ms. Richards provided a preliminary summary of comments made by the 469 respondents to this survey, which she said she would e-mail to Commissioners. The survey (done through Survey Monkey) was a joint effort by the City and RAPRD, directed at City residents as well as those within the recreation district. She provided highlights of responses about current park amenities, new amenities needed, frequency of park use, satisfaction with the Dry Canyon community park, barriers, and travel modes. Respondents ranked amenities in order of importance as (1) open space in the parks, (2) Dry Canyon, (2) swim center, and (4) paved City trails. Approximately 80% of those using the parks are doing so more than once a month.

Commissioner concerns included *how the survey was marketed* and *type of amenities requested by teens*.

**DISCUSSION – ACTION ITEMS** (None)

**COUNCIL LIAISON COMMENTS** (None)

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS** (None)

**STAFF COMMENTS** (None)

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** (None)

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

1. Dry Canyon Master Plan Considerations
2. Master Plan Update
3. Strategic Plan Goals and Tasks
4. Code Revisions
5. Memorial Bench and Advertising Policies
6. Review of Redmond Parks Foundation Bylaws and Grant Process

**NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING**

Tentatively set for Tuesday, July 17, 2013, 6 p.m.

**ADJOURN**

With no further business, Vice-Chair Lance adjourned the meeting at 7:49 p.m.

APPROVED by the Redmond Parks Commission and SIGNED by me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2013.

ATTEST:

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Richard Lance, Parks Commission Vice-Chair