

CITY OF MONROE
PARK BOARD MINUTES
October 20, 2011

Call To Order

Vice Chairperson Ralph Yingling called the Park Board meeting to order at 7:04pm in the Parks/Public Works Conference Room.

Roll Call

Board Members Present: Shawna Chamberlain, Collette Reams, Ralph Yingling, Steve Whalen, Jeff Rasmussen

Board Members Absent: Karin Coppernoll, Bill Kristiansen

Agenda Revisions – None

Approval of Minutes - Motion was made by Jeff Rasmussen and seconded by Steve Whalen to approve the minutes of the September 15, 2011 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Audience Participation – None

Unfinished Business – None

New Business – The draft agenda for the November 17, 2011 regular meeting was discussed. Items to be added to the agenda include a general discussion on a park from the inventory list – *Rainier View Park*, budget update from the Director. Motion made by Collette Reams and seconded by Shawna Chamberlain to table *Board Discussion item B. Review Park Plan Elements – Section 4.3 - 4.5* to the November 17 regular meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Staff Reports/Updates – *Director's Report*- Director Farrell gave accounts of the Department's planning and operational support for the first annual Main Street Flea Market, a girls softball tournament, a walkathon at Lake Tye and planning for a volunteer riverfront cleanup project at Al Borlin Park in partnership with young adults from the Snohomish county Workforce Development council's YouthBuild and operational support from Republic Services scheduled for November 19.

Enterprise Recreation Facility Update - Director Farrell reported that the City received one bid back from the request for proposals from H3O for a proposed cable wakepark at Lake Tye. A review team that included City staff and Park Board Member Jeff Rasmussen reviewed and commented on the proposal. Mike Farrell thanked Jeff Rasmussen for his help and input on the proposal review team. The review team comments and public comments were presented to the City Council at the October 11 City Council meeting. A public meeting was held at the October 18 City Council meeting which began with a presentation by H3O and then followed by public comment on the proposal. The City Council directed staff to work with H3O to address the Council's concerns with the proposal and begin negotiating potential development and operational agreements for their review.

Jeff Rasmussen briefed the Board on his experience on the review team and his views on the viability of the proposal, chief concerns being the scale, parking, traffic and visual impact of the proposed use and the financial viability of the proposal and its related impacts to the City due to loss of public land use. Ralph Yingling noted that at this point, the Park Board has fulfilled its service for Council as serving on the review team and that the proposal is now past the Board's influence. Collette Reams noted that the organization and the majority of supporters commenting at this point were from outside of the community and that there was a strong local reaction to the proposal that were residents of the Fryelands neighborhood. Several of the residents made comparisons to the large community events held at the park where streets were sometimes closed and parking over-flowed into their neighborhood.

Board Discussion -

Lewis Street Park –Director Farrell presented an overview of Lewis Street Park located along south Lewis Street near the Skykomish River bridge. The park, classified as a Special Use Park, is 3.5 acres and includes a small play structure, restrooms, 4 picnic tables, 4 barbeques, 1 shelter and a small gazebo for gazing at the confluence of Woods Creek and the Skykomish River. The Park Plan's proposed improvements for the park include new play equipment, new picnic shelter, enhanced river views, walkway trail with connectivity to the boat launch area, City gateway signage and restroom renovation. No improvements have been made to the park since the Park Plan was adopted. During flooding events the pedestrian bridge over Woods Creek linking the park to Al Borlin Park is gated and locked as river flooding can reach the bridge decking.

Review Park Plan Elements – Section 4.3-4.5 – Moved to November 17 regular meeting.

Agency Reports

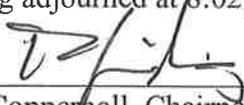
Planning Commission – None.

Monroe School District – None.

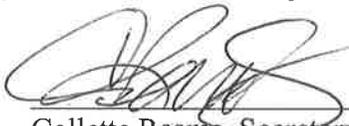
Adjournment

Motion by Collette Reams and seconded by Jeff Rasmussen to adjourn. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:02 pm.



Karin Coppernoll, Chairperson



Collette Reams, Secretary

RALPH Yingling Vice Chair