MINUTES
Parks & Recreation Board - Regular Session Meeting
Monday, April 12, 2021 in Person & VIA ZOOM 6:00 PM

BOARD MEMBERS: Chairperson Doug Nunnenkamp; Vice-Chair Joanna Orgill, Board Members: Patti Burns, Evan King, Michael Bernards, Emily Silverman, Kristin Elkjer Thede, Johanna Hunt (Youth Advisor)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Kristin Elkjer-Thede

STAFF PRESENT: City Recorder Lori Lesmeister

1 LOGIN INFORMATION TO ATTEND VIA ZOOM
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2 CALL TO ORDER at 6:02 pm

3 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4 ROLL CALL
   a) Member Emily Silverman and Youth Advisor Johanna Hunt excused
   Member Kristin Elkjer-Thede absent
   Members Orgill and Bernards attended via Zoom

5 CONSENT AGENDA:
(The items on the Consent Agenda are normally considered in a single motion. Any item may be removed for separate consideration upon request by any member of the Board.)
   a) Approval of the April 12, 2021 Parks Board Regular Session Agenda.
   b) Approval of minutes of March 8, 2021 Regular Session Parks Board meeting.
   Motion to approve the Consent Agenda.
   Moved by Member King. Second by Member Burns.
Motion was approved unanimously.

6 PUBLIC COMMENT: None

7 UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

8 NEW BUSINESS:
   a) Pacific Community Design - Brynhill Development Phase 2 Park Design Concepts

   Eric Hawkinson with Pacific Community Design went through a PowerPoint presentation showing a first draft of park designs for Phase 2 & 3 in Brynhill Subdivision. Phase 2 was shown as Mini Park D, and Phase 3 was shown as Mini Park H. Also attending via Zoom was Kristina Koltavary, Landscape Architect. There was a brief review of what the Parks and Rec board had approved for Phase 1. Activities shown for Mini Park D included Pickleball, fitness stations and a speciality garden area.

   Mini Park H is a more linear area with activities including horseshoes, Bocce Ball, a Chess board, a Slackline and a walking trail.

   Questions and discussion ensued.

   City Manager Varner noted that all North Plains parks have 'public' access to the park grounds even if the parks are owned and maintained by the Homeowners Association (HOA).

   There was discussion about pieces for the Chess board and who would be responsible for them, including checking them out for people to use. Ex Officio Councilor James Fage has concerns that those pieces would disappear and then the board would be unusable. It was asked if a water feature could go in the area rather than the chess board. David Force with Lennar Homes was also in attendance via Zoom and agreed that a water feature and possibly a tether ball could go in that area. Other things noted: there will be a fence around the pickleball court, there is no lighting planned for either park at this time, but there will be drinking fountains and benches. Board member Orgill feels that since Mini Park H is geared more towards adults she would like to see more things for younger kids in Mini Park D.

   Chair Nunnenkamp asked if the pickleball courts will be at the same level as the play equipment in Mini Park D and was told yes, it is all the same level.

   Phase 2 starts

   Mr. Hawkinson said he will take all comments back and rework the park designs and plan on attending the May 10, 2021 Parks & Rec Board Meeting to go over the changes made based on board comments.

   b) Concerts in the Park Discussion

   Member Orgill would like to start planning for the summer Concerts in the Park. Member Patti Burns said she will be speaking to the Oregon Health Authority tomorrow and will ask them how things are looking at this point. Orgill noted that there is normally less than 100 people in attendance, it is outside where social distancing guidelines can be followed and we don’t need to have food trucks if that would cause an issue. Member Burns said signs would be posted stating the social
distance guidelines and the board members would be in attendance to enforce those guidelines.
Questions and discussion ensued.

9 BOARD & STAFF COMMENTS

   a) Cindy Hirst, member of the Parks Foundation Board spoke about a Kubota Contest where the grand prize is a $100,000 grant plus $50,000 worth of loaned equipment to go towards a project for beautification, improving, rebuilding or refurbishing some aspect of their community. Hirst sees this as a $150,000 opportunity for Jessie Mays. Everything must be submitted by April 27, 2021 and finalists will be confirmed on May 7, 2021. The finalists will then be voted on by the public, where the public can vote once a day. Hirst says this is where the community members can help support North Plains by voting daily if North Plains is one of the finalists. Hirst then got feedback from the Parks Board members to help answer the questions that are on the contest application.
Questions and discussion ensued.
Member Orgill asked if the water pressure on the drinking fountain at Jessie Mays can be adjusted up. City Manager Varner will look into that. Orgill also asked if a stool could be placed at the drinking fountain so that smaller children can reach it. Varner will get a temporary stool. Orgill asked for an update on the crosswalk lights at 311th and Commercial. Varner said that it is in the 2022 plan when sidewalks go in.
Orgill then asked for an update on Purple Park. Chair Nunnenkamp said that the plans have changed, as Clean Water Services requirements will make the project too costly. Public Works Director Boyles is looking into other options.
Member Michael Bernards, who is also a member of the Parks Foundation, said that the Parks & Rec Board will be included in all grants and opportunities that the Foundation works on.
Member Evan King asked for an update on the West Union Pedestrian Path. City Manager Varner said the project is out to bid at this time and the plan is to have the project completed by the end of August. We already have the bridge, and the boardwalk is already under contract.
Clean Up Day is scheduled for May 8, 2021 and will be held at St. Edwards Church. Please talk to Patti Burns if you have questions or if you are able to volunteer.

10 ADJOURNMENT: 7:25 pm

Submitted By:

Lori Lesmeister, City Recorder

Date Minutes Approved: May 10, 2021