

Fraser Parks & Recreation Commission
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
June 2nd, 2020, 7 PM
Virtual Meeting VIA Zoom

A regular meeting of the Fraser Parks and Recreation Commission was conducted on the above date VIA Zoom due to stay at home orders surrounding COVID 19.

Present: Chairperson Cheryl LaCasse, Vice Chairperson Sherry Stein, Secretary Renee Paoletti; Commissioners Nancy Berube, Sarah Kelley, Dana Sutherland

Also Present: Recreation and Senior Director Christina Woods, DPW Interim Director Nick Schaeffer

Due to technical issues, David Bogdan was available but unable to successfully connect to the meeting.

1. Call Meeting to Order

Chairperson Cheryl LaCasse called meeting to order at 7:07 pm.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approval of Agenda for June 2, 2020.

Commissioner Berube noted that the numbers on the agenda skipped from number 8 to number 12.

Agenda for June 2nd 2020 with corrected numbers approved by Commissioner Berube seconded by Commissioner Kelley. Motion Carried Unanimously.

4. Approval of Minutes from May 12th 2020 and March 3rd, 2020.

Director Woods noted that the March Minutes were generic due to the absence of a recording to go back to and get specifics.

Minutes from May 12th 2020 and March 3rd 2020 approved by Commissioner Kelley, seconded by Vice Chairperson Sherry Stein. Motion Carried Unanimously.

5. Fraser Parks and Recreation and Senior Center Gratitudes

Thank you to all the first responders, police fire and ems. Thank you to Curt Gibson, Senior Bus Driver who has gone above and beyond to ensure safety for the seniors. Thank you to the community for keeping their part in staying safe.

6. Report on Parks

A. Ongoing Parks Improvement Project Discussion

Director Woods shared the memo that was sent to council outlining all the recommendations the Rec Commission gave at the previous meeting. At the next council meeting these decisions will be discussed and finalized if the council decides to go through with the plan presented.

Interim DPW Director Schaefer discussed the need to update the oil drum garbage cans and that this would have to be addressed in the future.

Commissioner Berube asked about the sign at Somerset. Discussions ensued regarding the need to replace the fence at Somerset due to the curb appeal of the soon to be renovated park.

7. Volunteer Group Reports

A. Updates on McKinley Barrier Free Park

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Global motion play piece is in at McKinley Park. The structure is 100% covered by donor dollars. There will be a raffle for local restaurant gift cards. Next meeting is on June 15th. Contractors are behind and it is slowing down the installation of the sensory garden and musical pieces. Thank you to Mr Campbell for playing music at McKinley Park

B. Updates on Fraser Fresh Farmers Market

Director Woods stated that the status of the market was up to council and would be discussed at the June Council meeting. The commission expressed frustration and sadness with how COVID has affected and made more difficult the Farmers Market, and discussed concerns about what would happen if the market were to open this season.

8. Overview Report from Parks and Recreation Director

Director Woods shared that the governors ease on restrictions has come as a shock and that the van service is still running for essential services only. The budget has passed for 2020-2021 with reduced staffing until at least fall.

9. Other Business

None

10. Citizen Participation

Laura Lesich shared her concerns if the Farmers market was to open in June, having 1 day to prepare is just not enough.

11. Commission members with concerns

Sutherland – Its good to see everyone and hopes everyone is being safe.

Bogdan – Hopes everyone continues to be safe and continues to share ideas to get through this time.

Paoletti – No grievances to add

Kelley – Looking for pop tabs to donate to Ronald McDonald house. There is a peaceful protest on Friday at the tennis courts at Steffens park.

Stein – Reiterated that we are all here focused for the same reason, to make the city better place for the kids.

LaCasse – Happy June and happy summer. We all are here focused on the same goal, to make the city better and because we love the city.

Berube – Expressed concern over parks and recreation “closing” and why there were people in the park at the baseball diamond. She asked why there was still a portapotty at Steffens if the bathrooms were supposed to be closed and why there were picnic tables under the pavilions if the Directors memo stated they would be removed. Director Woods stated that it is a fluid situation in addition to DPW being short staffed but would find out. No rentals or permits are on the books for any park amenities for the 2020 year.

12. Adjournment

Motion from Secretary Paoletti, Seconded by Commissioner Sutherland to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 pm. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

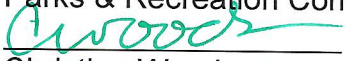
Cheryl LaCasse
Chairperson

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