

Fraser Parks & Recreation Commission
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
August 11th, 2020
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 Sarah Kelley, Vice Chairperson Dana Sutherland, Secretary Sherry Stein; Commissioners Nancy Berube, David Bogdan, Cheryl LaCasse, Renee Paoletti

Also Present: Recreation and Senior Director Christina Woods

1. Call Meeting to Order

Chairperson Kelley called meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approval of Agenda for August 11 2020.

Agenda for August 11 2020 approved by Commissioner Paoletti seconded by Commissioner Stein. Motion Carried Unanimously.

4. Approval of Minutes from July 7th 2020.

Minutes from July 7th 2020 approved by Commissioner LaCasse, seconded by Commissioner Sutherland. Motion Carried Unanimously.

5. Fraser Parks and Recreation and Senior Center Gratitudes

Thank you to all first responders and healthcare workers during this time. Thank you to Curt Gibson for his continued diligence in assisting seniors using the van service. Thank you to Fraser First for your continued work and dedication to the park. Thank you to the Farmers market volunteers for working together to put together the Farmers Market. Thank you to everyone who worked the election, it was a lot of work and was well run and successful!

6. Report on Parks

Tennis courts have been resurfaced. Purchase order for equipment has been signed, equipment is due to be in the next week or two. Possible installation date of September 14th, but realistically installation will start two weeks after. We are aiming to have everything done and completed by October. Commission requested a schematic for the pathways.

7. Volunteer Group Reports

A. Updates on McKinley Barrier Free Park

The raffle was a success, and had extra prizes to offer 7 winners out of 400. The donor bricks from the past couple of months have been installed. Hoping to have landscaping in the sensory garden by the beginning of November. Raised garden beds are being

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made and will be put in next spring. Getting the donor benches in. Finding events to do while social distancing is a challenge.

B. Updates on Fraser Fresh Farmers Market

The market was a success on Saturday, had new vendors. Sold masks to raise money for the dog park. Last market will be in September 12.

8. Overview Report from Parks and Recreation Director

Reviewing other cities and virtual programming has not been successful. We are not going to start programming at this time due to COVID. Still without employees, we are suspended other than essential services. Awaiting the re-opening of schools and we will see quickly if a large scale re-opening can be done without the COVID numbers skyrocketing. Due to furloughs the departments have saved \$70k as of end of July.

9. Other Business

A. Discussion on Recreation Position: Secretary, position term ending June 30th 2021

Director Woods investigated the request to eliminate the secretary position because the Recreation holds the records and records the minutes of the Commission meetings. The position is spelled out in ordinance and therefore must not be eliminated. Discussion ensued on who would take the secretary position, knowing that the recreation department will continue to complete the minutes and hold the records.

B. Nominations for Secretary

Vice Chair Sutherland nominated commissioner Bogdan, Commissioner Bogdan denied.

Commissioner Stein volunteered for secretary, commissioner Bogdan seconded

C. Motions for Secretary position terms ending June 30th 2021

Commissioner LaCasse nominated, seconded by commissioner Paoletti to nominate Commissioner Stein to Secretary term ending June 30th 2021. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Citizen Participation

Laura Lesich – 15212 Fairview – Commended the commission for continuing meetings. Recommended doing a virtual contest, possibly a mask design contest.. Commission agrees that is a great idea. Recommends coming up with the next park plan.

11. Commission members with concerns

Sutherland – No Concerns, had a great time at the farmers market. Recommended a virtual live opening of the new parks. Had an idea to color a picture to dress “daisy”, the dog statue on Fruehauf, for Halloween.

Bogdan – No Concerns, stay safe! Spoke with Fraser Bike Shop and they would like to help out and be involved.

Paoletti – Looking forward to Somerset and Pompo. Hoping for an end to COVID

Kelley – Had a suggestion for senior pen pals. Expressed concern for the missing girl from McKinley Park. If you see something say something.

Stein – Excited about the park! We need to come up with the next plan to keep the momentum.

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LaCasse – Looking forward to Somerset and recommends we think about a modern park layout to recommend to council for Boris Park

Berube – Inquired about the Fall fest, if it was still on. Christina said there will not be a recreation event connected to Fall Fest.

12. Adjournment

Motion from Chairperson Kelley, seconded by Commissioner Paoletti to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 pm. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sarah Kelley
Chairperson
Parks & Recreation Commission

Dana Sutherland
Vice Chairperson
Parks & Recreation Commission

Sherry Stein
Secretary
Parks & Recreation Commission

Christina Woods
Director Parks & Recreation

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