



Parks, Recreation, & Forestry Advisory Board – AGENDA

Thursday, May 21, 2020 | **City Hall – Council Chambers** | 7:30 am

Topic: PRFAB Meeting - 4.21.2020

Time: May 21, 2020, 07:30 AM Mountain Time (US and Canada)

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MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 7:34 am

ATTENDANCE: Donat, Eisenbraun, Clark, Ehnes, Rauterkus, McDonald, Caldwell, Anundson, City Attorney McDonald, Griffith, Neilson, Hall

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Motion by Caldwell, Second by Hall; Motion Carries

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Motion by Griffith, Second by Hall; Motion Carries

ITEMS FROM VISITORS (Policy Note: Visitors are limited to 5 minutes of presentation followed by questions)

- John Hauge from Northern Hills Master Gardeners - Community Garden Plan
 - John Hauge and Jack French joined us to talk about the Community Garden Plan. They have been working diligently with Ehnes and McDonald to come up with an agreement to move forward with the gardens. The agreement is that the City will be responsible for maintenance, mowing, etc. Master Gardeners will be responsible for the management of the program and administration.

OLD BUSINESS

Director Items

Board Items

- Q&A on Monthly Staff Update
 - Caldwell & Peters find the updates helpful and would like to see them continue.
 - Peters had questions about the Rec Path and pedestrian bridges. Council will have to make a decision based on what FEMA says, Ehnes will keep the bike group up to date.

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There has been no update on the Hillsview portion of the Rec Path, a new timeline has been established.

- Neilson asked about the campground capacity. Ehnes and McDonald reported that all hookup sites were full, the tent sites are first come first serve. Bathrooms and showers are currently closed due to no one to clean them. Outside of Memorial Day weekend, there has been an average of 8-12 campers per weekend.
- Neilson had questions about the Rec Center. Starting on June 1 the Rec Center will open to the general public. Cardio equipment is in the Lookout Room and most are 10 feet apart. The training room is limited to 5 people. The current hours are 5:30-10 am and 4-7 pm. No rentals or fitness classes at this time.
 - Membership refunds available, recurring membership payments will resume on July 15, all paid in full memberships will be extended.
 - Waterpark closed for the 2020 season.
 - Hand Sanitizer & Hand Washing information posted, plexiglass barriers, and mask recommendations have been put in place.
 - Childcare will continue throughout the summer.
 - Donat thinks the staff is doing a great job making it safe for staff and users.

Rec & Aquatic Center Park & Forestry

NEW BUSINESS

Board Items

- Forest Service GTR – Coburn
 - Coburn absent, Ehnes spoke on the subject.
 - Reports have come out stating if timber harvest quotas continue there will be no timber to harvest by 2054. General Tech Report (GTR) recommends reducing harvesting by 45-60%. This would greatly impact the City, with regards to the sawmill, jobs, and revenue.

Director Items

- Sports Complex Funding Model
 - The final design is getting started and should be complete by April 2021.
 - Capital Funding
 - Ehnes will rely on the board to help come up with a funding model. Look at making a subcommittee consisting of board members and stakeholders.

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- Operational Costs
 - Ideas include sponsorships, naming rights, and charging associations.
 - Ehnes stated that the associations would be willing to help purchase some of the equipment.

Rec & Aquatic Center

- Re-opening Strategy
 - See attached plan.
- Summer Rec
 - Canceled
- Rec Center Childcare
 - Will continue through the summer.

Park & Forestry

- Adopt-A-Park Program Discussion
 - Actionable item; this will help with the deficit created by not hiring seasonal staff.
 - Opportunity for community members to volunteer in our parks. Parks are adopted on a first come first serve basis.
 - McDonald's put together a formal plan outlining volunteer guidelines, scheduling, and recognition.
 - Motion by Hall to adopt and recommend this to City Council, Second by Caldwell; motion carries with Donat, Caldwell, Anundson, Griffith, Neilson, and Hall all voting yes.

FYI ITEMS

- Festival in the Park-Postponed
 - Looking at holding it in September at an alternate location
- Anundson states BHSU is working on reopening this fall. Sports camps have been rescheduled for July and August.
 - A more set in stone recommendation will be available by mid-July
- Winter Wonderland – Meeting schedule with the event coordinator
- Youth Baseball started to practice this week.
- Adult Softball starts June 1
- Both Farmers Markets will start on June 1
- City Council says no large events until July 1

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PUBLIC COMMENT

- None

ADJOURNMENT

- Motion by Neilson, Second by Griffith; motion carries 8:43 am.

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