

## **Park Board Meeting Minutes September 14, 2021**

**Park Board Members Present:** Jim DeHerrera, Ron Brunk, Carrielynn O'Reilly, Melissa Hartman, Terri Dunn

**Park Board Members Absent:** Ray Boksich, Frank Sweeney

**Guests:** Danyel Scott, Leland McNamara

**City Staff Present:** Maria Butts and Jennie Bradford

- A. Call to Order: 6:05pm
- B. Approval of the September 14, 2021 Agenda: Vice President DeHerrera moved to accept the agenda. Member O'Reilly seconded. All ayes.
- C. Approval of the June 8, 2021 Meeting Minutes: President Brunk added a correction to the minutes. Item J. New Business, b) Consideration to require commercial launch permit license for commercial use of Whitefish River from public parks: Member Sweeney made a motion to deny further commercial launch permits at this time, with a recommendation to revisit this later. Member Hartman seconded. Amendment: This was all ayes.
- D. Public Comment: NA
- E. Committee Reports
  - a) Bicycle/Pedestrian Committee: Vice President DeHerrera advised the committee met yesterday, which was the first time since June. The main topic of discussion was the pathway along the Riverbend Condominium complex. It was not approved at yesterday's meeting but is scheduled to be approved at the next meeting and then go before Council.
  - b) Tree Advisory Committee: The committee has not met in the past few months, so there is no update.
  - c) WFSS Board: President Brunk advised the Ice Den has been very busy and everything has been going well. They have been working on some minor repairs. The committee meets again tomorrow.
  - d) WAG Board: Member Boksich was not in attendance. Director Butts informed the board the new proposed pathway at the dog park will need to be approved by an engineer prior to construction. The shed has been approved,

and Arch Review agreed to the location and design. The Kiosk has also been approved.

- F. Presentations:** Request from Whitefish Skatepark Association to fundraise for and build an expansion to the Dave Olseth Skatepark.

Dreamland owner Danyel Scott and Whitefish Skatepark Association board member Leland McNamara requested permission from the Park Board to fundraise for an expansion to the skatepark. The expansion would create a larger and more inclusive space that would accommodate varying ability levels and allow for multi-sport use (i.e., rollerblades, scooters, and possibly bikes).

Motion to approve the request for the Whitefish Skatepark Association to fundraise for this expansion made by member Hartman. Seconded by member O'Reilly. All ayes.

- G. Public Hearings:** NA

- H. Old Business:** NA

- I. New Business:** NA

- J. Other Items:** NA

- K. Items from the Parks and Recreation Department**

- a) Administrative Report – Director Butts added the Armory Park planned cost estimate was > \$1 million and \$560,000 was budgeted. We are looking to phase the project with RPA, so we stay within our available funding amount. Key components are the pathway, parking lot, and well. Some additional funding is available but would require approval from Council.

Director Butts updated the members on the Cloud 9 Easement, advising more landscaping has been done in the easement area. City Code Enforcement has contacted the homeowners.

- b) Recreation Coordinator Report – No additional comments or questions.
- c) Maintenance Report – No additional comments or questions.

d) Community Services Report – Director Butts informed the board we have closed the railing on the upper portion of the beach concession stand as the City Building Inspector deemed it unsafe. We are currently working with an engineer to determine what needs to be done to ensure its structural integrity. Director Butts added we currently have no funding for this project.

L. Correspondence: NA

M. Items from the Park Board: Vice President DeHerrera complimented Director Butts on the work she and her department have done this summer amidst staff shortages and the influx of people in town. Member Dunn echoed this sentiment. President Brunk updated the board on the status of the Hwy 93 Steering Committees progress and urged park board members to provide their input.

N. Adjourn

Vice President DeHerrera made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by member O'Reilly. All ayes.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55pm