

**City of Fife Parks, Recreation and Community Services Advisory Board
Wednesday, March 6, 2013**

Call to Order 3/6/13 6:07pm

Notice of Quorum/Roll Call

Members Present: Jon Fietz Cody Geddes, Libby Quesada, Jay Marks, Brian Brozovic

Members Absent/Excused:

Members Absent/Unexcused: Nancy deBooy

Review of 2/6/13 meeting minutes

Brozovic moved, seconded by Marks to approve the meeting minutes of 2/6/13. Motion passed, meeting minutes were approved as submitted.

Citizen Comments

Mr. Jose Padilla, a resident of the Radiance Community proposed a project to the PRCS Board. He is a student at UW Tacoma and has to complete a community project for his leadership class. He is proposing that an "Off Leash" area be added to the park, similar to what exists in Dacca Park. He sent out fliers in hopes he would get support from the Radiance community and says approximately 10% were returned. Of those returned approximately 90% supported the idea. He says the park would need to be completely fenced, an entrance area with a double gate and sufficient running room for the dogs. Owners would be responsible for cleaning up after their pets and it would have minimal impact on the daily work of the parks crew. Geddes asked if he has spoken to the Radiance HOA. Mr. Padilla said he has not, but is willing to do so. Director Reuter commented that he should present his idea to the HOA and see if they are willing to get on board with this project. The more help the HOA could provide, the more likely the project would get built. The city does not have funds appropriated in the 2013 budget to support something like this. Director Reuter asked if the PRCS Board was interested in this project. The Board thought the project was a great idea and voiced their support. Brozovic fully supports the project. He says it would be beneficial to the community. He also feels HOA involvement would be a huge benefit to the project. They may have funds to assist in this type of project. Marks is also in favor of an "Off Leash" area in 5 Acre Parks. He asked if there are any restrictions for putting a dog park adjacent to the wetlands. Director Reuter said he is not sure, but he does not believe there are any restrictions.

Board Reports

Fietz attended Former City Council Member Dick Godwin's memorial. He said it was a good turn out and it was a very nice service. Fietz also commented that in the future when developing parks in general, parking area location and better lighting needs to be taken into consideration. It seems as the areas in the parks mature, trees and shrubs grow and the parks become somewhat secluded. This is attracting lots of questionable people and activity in the Wedge Park parking lot near his home. There also needs to be better police patrolling/presence to ensure the safety of the public and no mischief is going on. He said he has had to call the police on several occasions due to criminal activities happening at Wedge Park.

Director Reports:

Levee Road Park

Director Reuter said there is not much to report. There has been discussion with city staff regarding improvement of the access. The question is how much money to spend improving the access knowing that the property will most likely be redeveloped in the next three to five years. We know something needs to be done, but we have not yet determined what is appropriate. Fietz asked if it were to be sold, would that mean it would be sold to a private developer and then redeveloped. Director Reuter said yes. Geddes asked if the City sells the property is the park part of that? Director Reuter replied as of now, “no” it would have to be negotiated, which was the original intent. Fietz commented he would like to know when Classic Thunder will be out at the site again. He thinks it is a good activity to have going on at that site.

Brookville Gardens Community Park Update

Director Reuter said we are at 90% design and have received the drawings back from BCRA. City staff is reviewing them. We are in the process of obtaining permits and are moving forward in that aspect. Things have slowed down due to the necessity to move forward with the mitigation project. There are more steps to take to get approval, while it may seem slow, the project is on track. Fietz said he likes the sign. It looks well and the graphics catches your eye. He asked who constructed the sign. Director Reuter said the sign was done by the consultant who is working on the POTR project. The cost of signs was approximately \$2500.

Wapato Point Trail

Director Reuter and the CD Director met with one of the HOA members a couple weeks ago. They were also able to track down a member of Wapato Pointe South. They are meeting with her on Friday.

New Business:

Election of Officers

Chair McDonald resigned due to moving out of the City of Fife. As protocol, Vice Chair steps into the place of Chair and assumes responsibility. The process now is to select a person to fill the balance of his remaining term and when that term expires he/she could run again if they want to be considered for another term. Vice Chair Geddes then opened the floor for nominations for chair, Fietz nominated Geddes for Chair, seconded by Brozovic. No other nominations were made, motion to elect Geddes as interim Chair was passed. Brozovic nominated Fietz for Vice Chair, seconded by Marks, motion passed.

Old Business:

Fit In Fife

The Board needs to decide whether or not to proceed with this event, which is scheduled to take place in three months. If the Board decides to go forward with this event, planning needs to begin immediately to ensure it's a quality event. Geddes asked if this event is a board driven event. Director Reuter said yes. Fietz commented this event is in its infancy. It is only the second annual event. The first year was a learning process. However, he feels having the event so close to or on National Trails Day causes too much competition with bigger events. He did think last year's event was a good one and the 5K Fun Run was a huge success. Brozovic said he is looking forward to the event and he would like to see it still happen. He is for postponing

the event, but not canceling it. Fietz agreed and asked if Julie has any other ideas? Director Reuter said she may, however this is a board driven event and while she may be of assistance, the Board needs to do the majority of the work. Julie's time will be limited, because she will be very busy getting ready for summer programming. Quesada thinks it's too soon to put on a quality event. Geddes agrees and thinks postponing or pushing it back to next year would be better, but three months is too soon. Director Reuter said the date is not set in stone and other dates are possible. Geddes asked if anyone would be interested on being on the subcommittee. Brozovic volunteered to be on the subcommittee. Director Reuter reminded the Board of the River Walk event and asked if anyone is interested in volunteering to staff the booth, since we already committed to the event. Volunteers would be needed in shifts. Fietz is available from 9am-11am, Brozovic is available from 9am-12pm, Quesada is available for 2 hours, and Geddes is not available that weekend.

Parks Appreciation Day Update

The Parks Appreciation Day event will be held on April 20, 2013, from 9am to 12pm. The Arbor Day event will begin at 1pm. The Arbor Day event will be coordinated with the Public Works department focusing on a tree planting project along Wapato Creek in Wedge Park.

Memorial Fountain Plaque process

Director Reuter mentioned the deadline has come and gone for nomination submittals. We advertised twice in the Fife Free Press, on the city website, and he made personal phone calls to remind people that the nomination period was open. In spite of all that promotion and advertising, we still ended up with only two nominations. He asked the Board how they would you like to proceed. Marks does not think a separate presentation/meeting is necessary. Geddes thinks they should go through the process to get a feel for how the process will play out. Fietz agrees being that it's the first time and going through the process would be a good learning experience. Director Reuter will inform Mayor Cerqui of the process so he can attend the April PRCS Board meeting and make his presentations. The Board will then determine if they would like to forward one or both nominations to the City Council.

Parks, Recreation, & Open Space Plan Update

Staff is moving forward with advertising the RFP with the deadline for submittal in late March.

Other Business:

Marks said willow planting is easy. You just pound the sprig in the ground. Director Reuter reminded everyone about daylight savings time (spring forward one hour) on Sunday. On March 13, 2013, from 4:30pm to 6:30pm, there will be a Civic Campus Plan Open House held at the Fife Community Center. Citizens are encouraged to attend, look at the plans, and give their comments/feedback. On Friday, March 29th, we will have the Teen Flashlight Egg Hunt beginning at 8:00pm and on Saturday, March 30th, we will have our Children's Egg Hunt beginning at 9:30am. Both events will be held at Dacca Park.

April 3, 2013 Agenda Items

Director Reports:

Brookville Gardens Community Park Update

Wapato Pointe Trial Update

Five Acre Park Off Leash Area Proposal

Egg Hunt Events Recap

Other Business:

Fit in Fife Event

Parks Appreciation Day Update

Memorial Fountain Plaque Nomination Presentation

PROS Plan Update

Closing Comments

None

Adjournment

Brozovic moved, seconded by Marks to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:18 pm.