

City of Fife Parks, Recreation and Community Services Advisory Board
Wednesday February 5, 2014
Minutes

Call to Order 1/6/14 6:17pm

Notice of Quorum/Roll Call

Members Present: Chair Geddes, Karla Wayman, Jay Marks, Brian Brozovic; Dee-Dee Dukes-Gethers, Carole Sue Braaten, David Holland White, Jr., Quorum present

Members Absent/Excused:

Members Absent/Unexcused: Dukes-Gethers

Braaten asked to include the word “on-line” in front of the word survey at the 8th sentence under Director Reports. Brozovic moved, seconded by Wayman to approve the January 6, 2014 meeting minutes as corrected. Motion passed, corrected meeting minutes were approved.

Citizens Comments:

Stelian Paraschiv spoke to the Board regarding the Community Gardens project. He is again seeking support from the Board for this project. He said putting together a committee and starting the project has been a slow process. However, his goal is to get the committee in place and start the project as soon as possible. Chair Brozovic provided a brief background on the community gardens project. He also stated this was an item that was added to the PRCS 2014 Work Plan by the city council. Council wants the PRCS Board to support and collaborate with the volunteer group on this project. Chair Brozovic asked who else is involved with this project. Stelian said it’s just him at this point, but he has reached out to different members of the community. He did say he has a possible plot location and he has had dialogue with Fife School District in regards to a class that would include education on seeding, growing, organic vs. non-organic, fertilizers, etc., Braaten said she did not see him at the seed exchange last year and wanted to know if he will be attending the seed exchange this year. Mr. Paraschiv said he is not familiar with the “Seed Exchange” program but would like more information. He does however, have some people that will give him seeds, but he needs to complete more organizational work for the project before he needs to worry about seeds. Director Reuter said the proposed site for the community garden is the Levee Road Park site. Marks said he is curious about livestock in conjunction with the garden. Stelian said chickens are good to have on the ground. Chickens help fertilize the soil which improves output from the garden. City regulations concerning livestock would also need to be reviewed to make sure compliance with the law is ensured. Perhaps the Fife High School FFA program may want to get involved. Braaten has been involved with 4H and has much experience and she would be willing to help. Stelian thanked the Board for their time and support and asked he be contacted directly if anyone had additional questions.

Board Reports:

Chair Brozovic said he attended the North Pierce County Community Coalition meeting. They offered a variety of information. He inquired about how the City of Fife could get involved with the Drug Free Community program. He said participation would be required from many different segments of the community in order to meet the qualifications. Marks said he would support it if it were for illegal drugs. However, if it were to include newly legalized drugs, he would need more information before supporting the program. Chair Brozovic mentioned his greatest concern is that of “drugging & driving”. He said Fife has had a significant amount of drugging & driving stops and arrests. The main question is how do we move forward with legal vs. illegal?

Director Reports:

Prior to the Director Report being given, City Clerk and Registered Parliamentarian, Carol Etgen, gave a brief training and overview on Parliamentary Procedures. She provided the Board with a handout and covered the basics, why parliamentary procedures are necessary, and what it means to conduct meetings using these rules.

Director Reuter gave an update on the PROS Plan Update project. He thanked all who attended the joint meeting on 1/6/14. According to Community Development Director Osaki, further refinements to the plan are needed to make sure the PROS Plan goals are in sync with the other planning documents the city prepares such as the Comprehensive Plan and Transportation Improvement Plan. Once an updated draft is completed, it will be sent out to the PRCS Board for one last review. The scope of work on the project has been expanded to include an analysis of park impact fees. These have not been revised since they were originally put in place over a decade ago. This PROS Plan Update will be reviewed with the City Council at the March 18, 2014 Study Session. Once that step has been completed, a final draft will be prepared and brought back to council for final approval. Brozovic wants to know if the Board would be able to see the updated draft before it went to Council for final approval. Director Reuter said he is not sure if there will be a need for further review by the Board, but he will try to circulate the final draft to Board members before going to the city Council for final approval.

Director Reuter provided a brief update on the Brookville Gardens Community Park project. He said they are nearly ready to advertise the bid. Once the last two permits are obtained for the mitigation project, we will move forward with both projects in tandem.

Old Business:

Director Reuter informed the Board of some minor changes to the 2014 Work Plan. The first change involves the Memorial Fountain Recognition Program. The City Council asked for one year suspension of the rules in order to hold a public outreach campaign to compile a list of names for consideration to be placed on the fountain. The council also asked the PRCS Board to work cooperatively with the Historical Society to generate the list of names to be considered for placement on the fountain as well as organize a special event to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the Fife Fountain. Chair Brozovic asked if there would need to be a subcommittee formed to work on this project. Director Reuter said that would probably be the best approach. He also said the Historical Society Board meets on the first Wednesday of the month at 6:00p.m. at the Dacca Barn. This is the same time that the PRCS Board meets and so another meeting will need to be scheduled to begin organization for this project and event. Geddes commented that substantial items have been added to the 2014 work plan and since the expectation is to have great participation for the centennial event, is it acceptable to move the 5K Fun Run event to next year. Director Reuter commented the addition of these two items will certainly have an impact on the overall work plan and that he will ask the city council to approve the removal of the 5K Fun Run from the 2014 Work Plan. Director Reuter does not think the council would oppose to revisiting the 5K event in 2015. Geddes motioned to table the 5K event to 2015, seconded by Braaten. Motion approved.

Marks wants to make sure that trails continue as an ongoing agenda item. Director Reuter said he will make sure that it is.

New Business

Director Reuter said Parks Appreciation Day will be held on Saturday April 26, 2014, from 9:00a.m. to 12:00p.m. Work at Fountain Memorial Park will include weeding, pruning, planting flowers, and generally improving the overall appearance of the park. Volunteers will also add soft surface material at the playground at Colburn Park. The Arbor Day event will immediately follow lunch at 1:00p.m. The Arbor Day work program includes planting over 100 trees at a mitigation site along Valley Avenue. As was the case in 2013, this project will be conducted cooperatively between the PRCS and Public Works Departments. We hope to have several volunteers since there will be plenty to do on that day.

Other Business

Director Reuter said Mr. White has requested a park tour and opened it up to those on the Board who are unfamiliar with the parks sites. A tentative date of Saturday March 1, 2014 from 9am to 11am has been set. Everyone will meet at the Fife Community Center. If other members are interested let Director Reuter know.

Director Reuter also stated the Energy Efficiency Grant has been completed and submitted. This is a 50/50 matching grant which funds energy efficiency improvements and upgrades at the pool. Braaten asked when the community gardens and Levee Road project will be implemented. Director Reuter said Stelian is working on putting together a committee before any ground work begins. Braaten stated Mike Miller from Auburn has good information and resources about community garden programs. Marks asked for an update regarding Wapato Creek Trail. Director Reuter had no additional information from their HOA but will give an update once he has information to share.

March 5, 2014 Agenda Items

Director Report:

PROS Plan Update
Brookville Gardens
Energy Grant
Amend 2014 work plan
City Council retreat update

New Business:

Community Gardens

Old Business:

Historical Society
Board/Memorial Fountain
Parks Appreciation Day

Other:

Interurban Trail Connectivity

Closing Comments

Chair Brozovic said that it is with regret he must resign his position as Chair and PRCS Board Member effective immediately because he will be moving out of the area. He also said he is appreciative of everyone on the Board, their time, dedication and commitment. Braaten thanked Chair Brozovic for his time and service. Director Reuter also thanked Chair Brozovic, stating he appreciated him being an engaged and active member of the PRCS Board.

Adjournment

Marks moved, seconded by Braaten to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:27pm.