PARKS ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES
Zoom Meeting
Tuesday July 14, 2021
3:00pm – 4:30pm

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1. Call to Order.
   A. Vice chair, Mike Farrell called the meeting to order at 3:06pm.

2. Roll Call
   A. Voting Board Members –

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   B. Staff (Parks and other County Departments or agencies) – Sharon Swan (meeting host), Carol Ohlfs, Rose Intveld, Steve Yandl, John Tam, John Ewald, Jamie Holland, Shannon Crawford.


4. Public Hearings/Meetings
   A. None to announce.
   B. None to report on.

5. Oral Requests from the Audience/Correspondence

6. General Business
   A. Meetings in Person vs. remote.
      (1) Sharon announced that Willis Tucker would be available for in person meetings and vaccinated individuals need not wear masks, per current guidance.
      (a) Options for us to meet in person, continue to use Zoom or attempt some sort of hybrid.
      (b) Mary said she would go with what the group decided but felt that because she would need to bring her son to the meeting who is in a very vulnerable status, she would prefer to use Zoom. She also commented on a recent hybrid type meeting she participated in and reported it was quite challenging.
      (c) Steve Yandl said he would prefer in person meeting but was fine with the other options.
      (d) John Ewald reminded the group that we were not having an August meeting, so the decision doesn’t need to be made quite so urgently.
      (e) Jacob Vail expressed apprehension based on his immune compromised status.
(f) Responding to an inquiry from Mike, Sharon said county agencies had done some hybrid meetings already. Mike will share his experiences as the city of Monroe starts doing hybrid meetings.

2. BMX Track

B. No August meeting.

C. Fair Booth.

1. Sharon said there was a plan to have a consolidated booth for the different sub-groups under Conservation and Natural Resources.

2. Dates have not been finalized yet so signups will have to occur outside of the meeting (since, no August meeting). Probable dates are September 2-6.

D. October field trip – Whitehorse Trail, Slide Memorial and Whitehorse Park.

1. October 12.

E. BMX Track.

1. RFP went out for utilization of a portion of the site at McCollum Park for BMX and the group Jamie Holland and Shannon Crawford ware associated with were selected to move the project forward.

2. Jail crew was out to do some preliminary site cleanup.

7. Project Status Reports.

A. Construction Projects

1. Wenberg – Restroom renovation due to be complete at the end of this month.

2. Lake Roesiger – Cleaned up and ready for group camping as of last weekend. Sharon shared pictures of cleaned up campsites.

3. Meadowdale – Dedication ceremony with Senator Cantwell, Councilwoman Dunn and others last week including media coverage. John Ewald commented that the public messaging on this was excellent.

B. Design Projects

1. Kayak

2. Slide Memorial

3. Carousel.

4. Corcoran - Thomas Hartzell has been working on playground design and may be far enough along by our next meeting to share.

5. Heybrook Ridge

6. Thomas’ Eddy

C. Preferred Plan Projects

1. Shooting Park – Wrapping up.

2. Lord Hill – Working on getting consultant team on board. Public meetings to be set up in fall after Labor Day.

D. Long Range Planning.

1. Carol Ohlfs shared a presentation on survey results and answered questions.


   b. Presented to Council last month and will present to Planning Commission later this month.

   c. Happens every six years and ties into the comprehensive plan.

   d. Parks and Recreation element (PRE) sets policies goals and objectives for the next twenty years.
Public meetings, focus groups, two surveys translated into 13 languages and 1,815 responses.

Summary of survey results with interpretive comments were shared. Overall, preference of the public trended toward outdoor space preservation and trails with less interest in sports fields. Many particulars were shared as well as demographics on respondents.

Included several slides on emerging issues and considerations.

Jacob inquired asking if we were reaching out to area municipalities to see how their planning integrated. Information is being shared but no formal coordination at this point. Mike Farrell described how city of Monroe has created what they are calling a ‘Sounding Board’ and welcomed discussions with county staff on how that works for them.

Discussion of the incongruity of the profile of respondents compared to overall county demographics. The typical respondent was a wealthy white person, so planners need to interpret the results through an appropriate lens to make sure the parks support all citizens.

Jamie Holland commented that she was pleased the biking community was reached and able to submit surveys.

8. Park Director’s Time.
9. Messages from the Board. Around the Table
   A. John Dewhirst.
      (1) John had seen the TV news coverage of the Meadowdale dedication and agreed with John Ewalds earlier comments that the public messaging was good.
   B. David Divoky
   C. Tammy Dunn
   D. John Ewald
      (1) John inquired of Jacob on getting together as previously planned to offer help and suggestions regarding ADA web improvements on the Parks web page. They plan to coordinate by email and put something together.
   E. Mike Farrell
      (1) Previous week had enjoyed a bike ride with his wife on Centennial Trail and was struck by the diversity of trail users (hikers, bikers, runners, etc.). Maintenance was great and signage was exemplary.
   F. Bob McCarty
   G. Kirahy Meyers
   H. Darrell Olson
   I. Mary Rollins
      (1) Mary was contacted by some people about a two acre property available for sale near Wallace Falls that might be available at low cost that presented multiple possibilities such as parking for visitors to Wallace Falls. Mary will get the information to Sharon Swan.
   J. John Tam
      (1) John commented on recent improvements at Wallace Falls.
   K. Shawn Tobin
   L. Jacob Vail
   M. Steve Yandl
(1) Added to previous comments on preference for in person meetings moving forward but shared that if one or
two members were apprehensive about in person meetings we should honor that and continue Zoom or try
hybrid.

10. Adjournment

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