

**PARK AND RECREATION BOARD**  
**MONDAY, MARCH 13, 2017**  
**MINUTES**

Members Present: Lynn Oatman, Patrick Carroll, Shirley Davis, George Giese, Lonnie Hill  
Members Absent: June Sprout, Erin Madison Granger  
Staff Present: Patty Rearden, Lonnie Dalke, Todd Seymanski, Cindy Stein

Meeting called to order at 3:03pm.

**Minutes**

Board motioned to approve as written, with the following change: Amend the minutes to “intent was to offer the entire 10' strip on the back side of the building - not the 10x12 section” (Lions Park/Bob Alfred). Motion seconded and carried.

**Director's Report**

City Commissioner Tracy Houck has been assigned to the Park & Recreation Advisory Board as a Commission liaison.

Ice Breaker information arrived today and will be distributed. We hire Quality Life Concepts to deliver up to 100 posters around town. All advertising has been placed. Registration began today.

Staff working on the Park District. City Manager has the draft; Commission has not yet seen it. On the Commission Work Session agenda for April 4th (5:30 pm).

Still working on the KaBoom grant for a play structure at West Bank Park. Staff participated in the conference call, along with two board members and Sheila Rice and Carol Bronson with NeighborWorks and Kim Skornogoski with United Way and Get Fit Great Falls. The conference call went very well and we are looking at late July or early August for a possible build day. The grant has not been confirmed yet. Board received the detailed information at an earlier meeting. There are several committees and over 100 volunteers that need to be set up for the "community event" of putting in the play structure. It's likely that we won't get confirmation until 6 weeks prior to the build date.

CDBG applications for 2017/2018, the committee recommended \$28,000 for ADA restroom in the Rec Center; \$15,800 for ADA sidewalks to play structures (applied for \$41,000); this will cover 2 sidewalks. \$80,000 grant for Gibson Park play structure was not approved.

Other “Timeliness” CDBG funds have become available, but need to be expended by April 21. We put in for the play structure at Gibson \$80,000; \$20,000 match for West Bank Park pavilion; and \$100,000 for outdoor fitness equipment for Gibson Park

Eagle Falls opens on Wednesday, the front nine only will open on the first day, followed by the back nine as soon as possible. Anaconda Hills opens on April 3rd.

Deputy City Manager Chuck Anderson has started. Patty & staff had the opportunity to meet with him and give him a tour.

The City Attorney's Office is updating Title 9 in the City codes and will include the language regarding bb guns, etc. in parks; the Park Board previously approved the addition in the language.

Starting the budget process - March 22nd is our first meeting.

### **Old Business**

Working with Firefly on Movies in the Park. They are considering doing 3 movies this summer and are working on sponsors.

### **New Business**

No new business to report

### **Miscellaneous Reports/Announcements**

#### *Staff*

Lonnie

- Multi Sports dugouts and backstops are done on Field #1; working on Field #3. With the break in weather things will move along quickly. Got a new utility cart with a groomer last season.
- Fighting the cold weather and snow yet. Finding the problems that happened during the winter with irrigation, etc.
- Natatorium has a pre-bid meeting for lifting the floor this week. Will know more after the meeting.
- Gibson concessions lease - did a walk through with the health department and building inspectors; need to make some changes to meet code. May 15th is the scheduled opening day for the Gibson concessions.
- Attended the aquatic invasive species meeting (mussels); have positive tests at Holter and Canyon Ferry; will do a summit on this problem.

Todd

- Trimming
- Got all of the trees trimmed by the band shell in Gibson.
- Removing stumps in boulevard district.
- Two contracts, one for inventory of trees in the boulevard district and one for trimming in power lines. Received a grant to help pay for the tree inventory.

#### *Board*

George reported that Confero Sports Foundation is supporting the improvements at Multi Sports again this year through their Annual Mixer. Tickets will be available soon.

### **Public Comment**

No public present

**With no further business meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.**