

Park and Recreation Commission

Minutes of the Meeting

May 8th, 2019

Meeting called to order: 7:30 pm.

Commissioners in Attendance: George Caye, Katie Graham, Ritu Goel, Al Larson, Mindy Lewis, Dan Rezende, Toby Lewis, Michael LeBlanc

Also in Attendance: Ray Favreau, John Caldwell, Kerry Macchi, and Erica Evans.

Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Toby, and seconded by Katie to approve the January 9th minutes. Passed unanimously

Public Input: None present. Ritu spoke as a member of the public to address a few topics. One is the possibility of people who own garden plots donating unwanted food to the SW food bank. She also mentioned that a Girl Scout troop is interested in having a plot to grow food to donate to the food bank as well. Ray let the commission know that currently, all garden plots are spoken for and they are delaying the opening of the Deming Street gardens until the water system is installed. He said they are able to do this because they were able to accommodate everyone on the wait list for the Avery Street gardens. Ritu also wanted to know about the possibility of a bike donation program, as the interest for biking is growing in town. Ray expressed that although this is a great idea, there is a large liability factor because if someone donated a bike that is unsafe, the blame would fall back on Parks and Rec.

Special Reports: Al spoke about the possibility of having a sub-committee to work on the Master Plan revision. Ray mentioned that if the commission can get through the prioritization exercise, he would be able to work on the rest of the revision over the summer. The Master Plan would then be ready to bring to council in the fall.

Report of Council Liaison: None due to the absence of the liaison.

OSTF: George told the committee that they have been working on their Master Plan. They are currently still working on the Wagon Shed property.

Report of the B of E Liaison: Erica Evans was present. She shared with the committee that the Board of Education budget was recently passed with a less than 2% increase. She also shared some of the positions that would be added for the next school year.

Report of Parks and Rec. Director: Ray shared the aerial photos after the plane ride that he took with the photographer. These will be helpful inserted into the Master Plan to show and outline the different properties around town.

In review of the Report of Parks & Recreation Director, Toby made a motion to approve the spending of \$1,396.38 for the annual bike fleet tune-up and repairs. Al seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

Discussion Topic: None due to time constraints

Other Business: None due to time constraints

Master Plan Progress Report: None due to time constraints

Meeting adjourned 9:30pm

Next Meeting: June 12, 2019

Respectfully Submitted – Kerry Macchi, Administrative Secretary