

MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD ON FEBRUARY 20, 2019, AT 6:00 P.M.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Lou Ann Watson, Fred Busing, Brad Stokes, Caylin LePire, Beth Dickinson, Ben Cumber

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Renae Roberts

**REPRESENTATIVES:** Recreation Superintendent Tiffany Belt

**TRANSCRIBER:** Amy Pearson

**MINUTES:**

Ben Cumber made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 16, 2019 meeting. Caylin LePire seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

**RECOGNIZE PERSONS IN THE AUDIENCE:**

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Tobacco & Vape Free Parks**

Fred and Brad met with Alexis Pickering regarding this matter. Alexis was not able to attend this meeting but would like to address the committee again in April. Fred brought up the concerns that were discussed previously regarding enforcement of the ordinance would be difficult if not impossible. He didn't want it to become an ordinance that was ignored because there was no enforcement. Fred thought that the suggestion that we install signs asking people to comply with a tobacco-free area would be a better alternative. Tiffany and Miguel have both discussed it as it has been a topic on the agenda. Miguel agrees that signs may work as they have had success with similar no tobacco/no vaping signs on the school property and East Side Park.

Tiffany explained that the mayor received a letter in February from another individual expressing a need to create smoke-free parks. This letter was sent to all councilmen and is now being passed out to members of the Parks and Recreation Committee. Tiffany did contact Boise Police Department and submitted a request for the number of citations and locations that they issued for tobacco use in the last year to see if they are enforcing it in their parks as well. Caylin and Tiffany both shared their experiences with Boise parks and that it appears that it is not enforced in those areas. Carry forward.

**Spring Programs**

Spring Soccer has approximately 90 participants in the 4-5 age range and are still coming in. The base is going to have a team and Glens Ferry has two teams. The recreation staff also renewed their certifications with Federation of US Soccer.

Spring Break (March 25-29) is completely planned and ready to go.

The Spring/Summer/Fall mailer guide has been finalized and sent to printing for mass publication early next week. The guide is 47 pages and will have all the park and swimming pool information along with programs through September 2019. Item closed.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Parks Update**

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The dog park grand opening is February 22<sup>nd</sup>. There will be a ribbon cutting and people are encouraged to bring their dogs.

Parks department partnered with high school seniors to do Buddy Benches for suicide awareness as part of a senior project. Between the Parks department and the mayor, they were able to purchase three yellow benches. Two benches will be placed in Carl Miller Park and one near the baseball fields by the high school. The students then fundraised and were able to purchase three more to be placed on school property. There will be a plaque that explains the meaning of the benches with the students' names on it.

Parks has been working on snow removal, rebuilding and painting picnic tables, and working on the dugouts at Legacy. They are installing new flooring in the bathroom facilities in Richard Aguirre, Carl Miller and Little League similar to what they installed in the swimming pool guard room. They are also going to install stainless steel fixtures in those facilities and do a fresh coat of paint.

They ordered the rugby goal posts last week. Rugby wanted to host the state tournament this year, but we are not able to do that because the grass will not be thick enough and they don't want to risk destroying it. There probably won't be much action at all at the rugby field this year so that the grass can grow in thick and strong.

Miguel has ordered 25 trees to have planted. He plans on doing them in bunches of 25 instead of ordering a large amount all at once to ensure that they can all be planted in time. Carry forward.

#### **Arbor Day Event**

The Arbor Day/Earth Day event is going to be Tuesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> from 3:00 to 5:00 in Richard Aguirre Park. They will pass out seedlings and have educational booths. Tiffany has been working with the Forest Service to get Smoky the Bear and Woodsy the Owl out for the event as well as BLM and a Rock Hound booth. Brad will be there with the Master Gardner's Program. Brad suggested that they contact Randy Valley to see if he could bring an empty bee box to tie in Bee City USA along with the Bee City coloring contest. Carry forward.

#### **Elect 2019 Chairman**

Brad Stokes nominated Fred Busing to serve as the 2019 Chairman. Lou Ann Watson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. Item closed.

#### **GENERAL BOARD DISCUSSION**

Beth wanted to let everyone to know there will be a free STEAM program at Hacker Middle School on March 6th from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.

Lou Ann will not be at the meeting next month.

Fred wanted to commend the city departments for training their employees in first aid and CPR. He does think that the city needs more AEDs in their buildings such as City Hall and the activity center. Tiffany said they have researched installing them in the parks, but they need to figure out a power supply, how to prevent vandalism and theft, and the AEDs themselves cannot withstand extreme temperatures.

Tiffany passed out packets for the committee members containing all the current handouts and fliers.

Tiffany finalized four STEM/STEAM half day tech camps for this summer. The first week age base is kindergarten to 3<sup>rd</sup> grade; the second week is 1<sup>st</sup> grade to 6<sup>th</sup> grade. The 1<sup>st</sup> grade to 6<sup>th</sup> grade camp will be Minecraft type of coding and city creation.

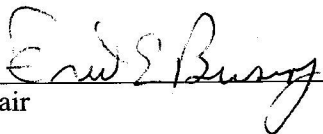
The seasonal hiring announcements are out with a March 1<sup>st</sup> closing date. Tiffany would like to hire the shift leads and have them involved in the rest of the hiring so that they learn process and responsibility of it and make it a collaborative, team effort.

Tiffany passed out save the date fliers to the members asking them to complete the 2019 Mountain Home Comprehensive Plan Survey beginning February 25<sup>th</sup>. Economic Development is doing a new comprehensive plan study and the survey will come out on February 25<sup>th</sup> and it will run through the month of March. Community input is critical to help guide the planning process. Topics may include economic development, community design, revitalization, housing development, population growth and public spaces. Please take your survey because the city wants everyone's input.

Recreation reached out to Boise State to have them put together a survey/usage study to track the usage of the swimming pool, Carl Miller Park, and Richard Aguirre Park. We do not have a good number of usage and to write some of the grants they need that information to even be considered. One of the seasonal staff members this summer will be assigned to this task.

#### **ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before the committee, Lou Ann Watson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Brad Stokes seconded the motion. All in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 6:37 P.M.

  
Chair

#### **AGENDA ITEMS FOR MARCH 20, 2019 MEETING**

##### **OLD BUSINESS**

Tobacco and Vape Free Parks  
Parks Update  
Arbor Day Event

##### **NEW BUSINESS**

Summer Programs  
Swimming Pool Update