

Finance and Parks & Enrichment Services Committee

Meeting Minutes: March 23, 2022

Meeting started: 6:00 P.M.

Meeting adjourned: 6:59 P.M.

1. Approval of meeting minutes from February 23, 2022

2. Parks and Enrichment Services – Jennifer Berner
 - a. YMCA Hoag Rd. Facility Agreement
 - i. Staff provided Council with brief timeline and history up to current status of how best to deplete outstanding balance of \$55,312
 1. Council agreed for staff to follow up with the YMCA and distribute gift certificates for membership to deplete the \$55,312 balance.
 2. Staff will work with the YMCA on getting the gift certificate program set up and distributed.
 - ii. Staff is working with Mayor, Council and YMCA on determining if there is a future agreement and if so, what that may look like.
 1. Council asked staff to research the options for looking at the need for providing childcare options for Mount Vernon residents.
 2. Council asked staff to help us understand why the YMCA was not able to determine who is a Mount Vernon resident and who is not.
 - b. Park Improvement Celebrations/Dedications
 - i. Staff informed Council they were looking at Sat. April 30 as the celebration date for the Little Mountain Improvements. It was brought up that a volunteer event was planned for this date, so staff will look at another date for the Little Mountain Celebration.
 - ii. 25th Street Playground – Coordinating with Kiwanis – Possible date of May 14
 - c. Edgewater Park Restoration Work
 - i. Staff is working on many projects associated with Edgewater Park to help develop ongoing positive use.
 - ii. Projects include:
 1. Six - Family Fun Night Events in coordination with our Police Department and Library.
 2. Partnering with Skagit Fisheries on a grant they received to improve the riparian buffer along the river to gain better trail use and visibility.
 3. Coordinating efforts between the City, County, and adjoining property owner for encampment cleanup efforts.
 4. Staff is working on developing a scope of work for the electrical panel upgrades at Edgewater Park. The upgrades are needed for better security, aesthetics, and operations for events.
 5. Staff is working with Dr. Lyndon Lee to develop a long term maintenance and access plan for Edgewater Park.
 - d. Pitch in For Parks – Volunteer Opportunities

- i. March 12 staff and volunteers planted over 200 Western Red Cedar trees at North Lions Park
 - ii. There are volunteer projects planned throughout the spring and summer months, the Recreation Activity guide has all the details, dates, and locations.
- e. Recreation Update
 - i. The new first ever Spring/Summer Parks and Enrichment Services Activity Guide was mailed out to all households in Mount Vernon and is being delivered to a variety of locations throughout the Valley – Chambers, Libraries, Pre-schools, local businesses, etc.
 - 1. Staff has received many positive comments on the Activity Guide.
 - ii. Recreation programs are currently running, with a variety of programs planned for this spring and summer.
 - iii. New programs include a Leaders In-Training program for teens, Nature Camps and a Supervised Playground program to occur at Bakerview and Edgewater park this summer.
- f. Events Update
 - i. Staff informed Council events were back and staff is busy planning six (6) Family Fun Nights, the 4th of July Fireworks Display, the Youth Arts Festival in August, and three (3) Drive-in Movies for this spring and summer!
- g. Staff informed Council that Sean Corcoran was promoted to the Parks Operations Supervisor position. Sean has been with the Department for 16 years and was the Parks Grounds Foreman. Currently recruiting for a Parks Maintenance Foreman position and parks and recreation seasonal positions.