

Parks and Recreation Board Meeting Minutes
City of Mount Vernon
February 16, 2016 - City Hall

The Mount Vernon Parks and Recreation Board met on February 16, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. with the following members present: Mike Cranston, Rory Wiebel, Loren Hoffman, Catherine Poduska and Lori Boren. Also in attendance: Parks and Recreation Director, Matt Siders.

1. Approval of the Agenda. Motion made by Boren, seconded by Poduska to approve agenda. Carried all.
2. Approval of the Minutes from January 19, 2016 meeting. Motion made by Boren, seconded by Poduska to approve minutes. Carried all.
3. Open Forum: Each citizen is limited to 5 minutes.
4. Directors Report - January 15, 2016 to February 15, 2016. Siders is working on creating a master schedule for all of the teams that want to utilize the ball fields. Boys basketball will be finishing up this weekend. Youth wrestling will done on March 1st. Swim lesson information will be shared at the next meeting. There will be a heater installed at the pool this summer along with two new filters, a new deep end pump, new fixtures in the bath house, plumbing changes, security lights, door contacts and glass contacts on the pool, new ceiling panels, new vent fans and other miscellaneous upgrades. Princess Tea Time will be Saturday, February 27th. Planning for Chalk the Walk continues. Online registrations are at 85%.
5. Discussion regarding Council Agenda Item of Nicotine Free Parks Ordinance. At the Council meeting on February 17th, City Council will have a discussion on nicotine free parks. The three members of the Parks and Recreation Board (before the two new members came in) were in favor of nicotine free parks. Right now there is a “smoke free” resolution. What is being proposed would be a wider scope (electronic devices, chewing tobacco and anything nicotine related would be eliminated). This falls in the same line as what the school district has on their grounds. Local organizations, ASAC and RC Rail, are supporting this and have provided a lot of resources. They have provided two different ordinance options as well as a resolution. Siders will report back to the Board at the next meeting.
6. Discussion and possible action regarding Master Parks Plan and setting public hearing dates. Siders provided everyone with a copy of the draft. Nothing has changed since the last meeting but there will be a sub-committee meeting after tonight’s board meeting to discuss formatting. Board members went over minor revisions that were needed and Siders asked them to go over future “needs”. Council will begin working on the five year CIP plan soon.

7. Discussion and possible action in regards to filling remaining openings on Park and Rec subcommittees with new Park and Rec Board members. Siders said there were two vacancies, one on the volunteer committee and one on the capital committee. After a brief discussion, Boren made a recommendation to appoint Wiebel to the capital committee and Hoffmann to the volunteer committee. Motion seconded by Poduska. Carried all.
8. Subcommittee reports (Parks, Capital, Pool, Programming, and Volunteer). None.
9. Old Business. The community center committee is again having meetings and conversations.
10. New Business. Park signage will be on the next Parks and Recreation meeting agenda.
11. Motion made by Boren, seconded by Poduska to adjourn at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Marsha Dewell, Deputy Clerk.