

Parks and Recreation Board Meeting Minutes
City of Mount Vernon
May 17, 2016 - City Hall

The Mount Vernon Parks and Recreation Board met on May 17, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. with the following members present: Loren Hoffman, Rory Wiebel, Catherine Poduska and Mike Cranston. Absent: Lori Boren. Also in attendance: Parks and Recreation Director, Matt Siders.

1. Approval of the Agenda. Item #6 regarding event hosted by Zoe's Pet Deli will be moved after New Business. Motion made by Hoffman, seconded by Poduska to approve the agenda as amended. Carried all.
2. Approval of the Minutes from April 19, 2016 meeting. Motion made by Poduska, seconded by Wiebel to approve minutes. Carried all.
3. Open Forum: Each citizen is limited to 5 minutes.
4. Directors Report - March 15, 2016 to April 15, 2016. The City is trying to keep up with a dandelion issue and in the future will be looking into purchasing a product to treat ahead of time. Siders is recommending that the Master Parks Plan go before Council at the second meeting in June. The tentative opening date for the pool is June 3rd. Work is still being done and chemicals being balanced. There will possibly be a mass mailing going out with aquatic information. The pool upgrades/renovations are almost complete and the floor of the bathhouse looks great. The City will be paying for lifeguard training this year. A new card printer has been purchased for pool passes. A swim team coach has been hired. Siders is working on getting summer camp information out.
5. Discussion and possible action regarding Master Parks Plan and recommending final document to Council for adoption. Siders explained that once Parks and Recreation makes a recommendation, the plan will go to Council for review. There have not been any drastic changes to the plan since the last discussion, mainly minor text changes and pictures being added. Siders suggested having two board members at the Council meeting when it is discussed. Motion made by Hoffman, seconded by Poduska to forward the Master Parks Plan to City Council for review and possible adoption at the June 20th meeting. Carried all.
6. Subcommittee reports (Parks, Capital, Pool, Programming, and Volunteer). Siders gave a brief update on capital projects and funds.
7. Old Business. There will be a follow up meeting for Chalk The Walk coming up.
8. New Business.

9. Discussion regarding future event hosted by Zoe's Pet Deli at Nancy Doreen Hoffman Dog Park. Diana Crowley with Zoe's Pet Deli explained that they would like to have a "thank you" event for their customers on a Sunday in June at the dog park. The owner of Lincoln Café will be providing food for the event. Crowley asked about providing beer for the occasion. Siders explained that it was per City ordinance that there is no alcohol allowed in City parks. He said it was possible to check with City Council to see if it was something they would approve. The alcohol would not be sold but they would be asking for donations. Siders suggested putting the alcohol request on the next Parks and Recreation meeting agenda for action. Siders explained that the pavilion at Nature Park could be reserved but the dog park would need to remain open to the public. Crowley will get final details to Siders to proceed.

10. Motion made by Wiebel, seconded by Hoffman to adjourn at 7:50 p.m. Carried all.

Respectfully submitted, Marsha Dewell, Deputy Clerk.