

Parks and Recreation Board Meeting Minutes
City of Mount Vernon
May 22, 2018 - City Hall

The Mount Vernon Parks and Recreation Board met on May 22, 2018 at 5:47 p.m. with the following members present: Rory Wiebel, Lori Boren, Catherine Poduska and Loren Hoffman. Absent: Mike Cranston. Also in attendance: Parks and Recreation Director, Matt Siders.

1. Approval of the Agenda. Motion made by Hoffman, seconded by Poduska to approve agenda. Carried all.
2. Approval of the Minutes from March 20, 2018 meeting. Motion made by Poduska, seconded by Hoffman to approve minutes. Carried all.
3. Open Forum: Each citizen is limited to 5 minutes.
4. Directors Report - April 15, 2018 to May 15, 2018. City crews are working to get the parks maintenance work up to speed. Nature Park clean-up went very well. There are 10 t-ball teams, 10 coach-pitch teams and four player pitch teams. The pool will be opening on May 26th. Chalk the Walk was a big hit. There are several summer camps this year.
5. Update regarding MVCWC (Mount Vernon Community Wellness Center). There have been meetings with the Design Committee to come up with a final design. There was a very generous donation of \$1,000,000 in honor of Lester Buresh from Ernie Buresh. This satisfied the match from Hall Perrine of \$500,000. The total raised so far is reaching \$1,900,000, which surpassed the goal of \$1,000,000. The fundraising committee recommended to the City that additional space in the building be considered, with secondary recommendations that include energy efficiency improvements. The ultimate goal is to keep membership costs down.
6. Discussion and possible action regarding MV Safe Routes to Schools and Connector Routes. Important that we get City Master Trails Plan and other documents to contractors when they are performing work in areas affecting our Master Trails Plan.
7. Discussion and possible action regarding MVCWC branding and marketing. Siders said the City was approached by someone that was interested in doing branding and marketing for the wellness center but he wanted to get feedback from the Parks and Recreation Board before proceeding. The main question was how it would be funded. One way would be to set aside funds during the

fundraising phases of the project. Siders will talk more with the City Administrator about what funding could be used for this.

8. Discussion regarding update of Master Parks and Recreation Plan. Board members will begin talking about making updates to the Master Parks and Recreation Plan at the next meeting.
9. Subcommittee reports (Parks, Capital, Pool, Programming, and Volunteer).
10. Old Business. Updates will be made to social media and documents to clarify that the parks division of the City is Mount Vernon Parks and Recreation and not “Park and Recreation”.
11. New Business.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Marsha Dewell, Deputy Clerk