

Parks and Recreation Board Meeting Minutes  
City of Mount Vernon  
June 19, 2018 - City Hall

The Mount Vernon Parks and Recreation Board met on June 19, 2018 at 5:30 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 and Parks and Recreation Intern, Balthazar Mosquerda.

1. Approval of the Agenda. Motion made by Poduska, seconded by Wiebel to approve agenda. Carried all.
2. Approval of the Minutes from May 22, 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 - May 15, 2018 to June 15, 2018. Council has some concerns with the Nature Park Trail and have asked V&K to go back and get a few more options. Pool attendance has been good with the warm temperatures. Summer camps have gone really well and there will be more added in July. There are currently 20 kids enrolled in archery camp.
5. Update regarding MVCWC (Mount Vernon Community Wellness Center). The official name of the center will now be the Lester Buresh Family Community Wellness Center. There have been plans made for the electrical and mechanical and there was also a meeting with OPN at their office to discuss interior and exterior finishes of the building. The next cost estimate will be two weeks from now. The floor plan has been finalized with a turf room being added upstairs. It will add about 2000 square feet of space and change the layout slightly by moving the social room to the other side of the building. There will be a civil review meeting tomorrow and another meeting scheduled for technology review.
6. Discussion regarding Wi-Fi in the Parks. Poduska said it was brought to her attention that Elliott Park has some dead areas for cell phone coverage and asked about setting up Wi-Fi in the parks. Siders said there have been discussions about adding Wi-Fi to the downtown area but it would be a matter of funding and who would pay for it. There was mixed consensus on whether it was needed in the parks at this time. This will be kept on the radar for future discussion.
7. Discussion regarding Trail Kiosks. Siders said there are a couple of kiosks that are not being utilized. One at Lincoln Highway Park (train bridge) and the other at

Nature Park. These were done through a grant with Linn County Health Department at no cost to the City. The plan was to start documenting some of the trails paths. Siders is asking for help in identifying these paths and putting them on a map for the kiosks. Siders will identify three different routes as well as the existing trails and Hoffman will work on a map and bring it back to the board for approval.

8. Discussion regarding update of Master Parks and Recreation Plan. The proposed document will be updated with the items discussed in previous meetings and discussion will continue at future meetings.
9. Subcommittee reports (Parks, Capital, Pool, Programming, and Volunteer).
10. Old Business.
  - a. Safe Routes to Schools. No items discussed.
  - b. Branding of LBFCWC – Lester Buresh Family Community Wellness Center. Siders has been approached by an individual wanting to know if the City would be pursuing branding. Siders explained to them that there is no actual funding for the project so nothing could be done yet. The board felt it was too early in the process to have this discussion.
11. New Business. The next meeting will be on July 24, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. A groundbreaking celebration for the wellness center will be held on July 14<sup>th</sup> during Heritage Days.

Meeting adjourned at 6:29 p.m., June 19, 2018  
Respectfully submitted, Marsha Dewell, Deputy Clerk