

Parks and Recreation Board Meeting Minutes  
City of Mount Vernon  
July 24, 2018 - City Hall

The Mount Vernon Parks and Recreation Board met on July 24, 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 June 19, 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 - June 15, 2018 to July 15, 2018. Pool attendance was good until recently because of rain and colder weather. There was a fecal incident last week where the pool was shut down for a day and a half. Summer camps are going well with more classes going into August. Siders met with Cogran to update online registration.
5. Update regarding MVCWC (Mount Vernon Community Wellness Center). Siders provided board members with an updated floorplan. There was a design meeting today and things having been moving along There has been an issue with the gymnasium court location and the track having a slight overhang. The length of the gym will be extended to help eliminate that. Today's construction estimate was at \$8,650,000, which is up approximately 1.9 % from last year. Fundraising has reached over \$2,000,000.
6. Discussion regarding Trails Plan including Wellness Center, Nature Park, and Kiosks. Council was not totally in favor of the last plan that was submitted to them for the trail from Nature Park and would like to see it go through the park instead of around it to avoid providing a trail at City cost for the affected individuals and not requiring them to pay for it. Veenstra and Kimm came up with two different options with this concern in mind. The two options have a cost difference of approximately \$7,000. The consensus was to go with Option A for the following reasons: It follows the Comprehensive Trails Plan going through Nature Park; It will not impact as many residents as the original plan on 3<sup>rd</sup> Street by adding a trail to the front of their property; Option B flows too close to the path and drive that are already existing in Nature Park. They also felt that Option B was too far away

from 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, where sidewalk or trail are really needed; Cost saving will allow funds to be spent elsewhere on other planned trails.

The second item for discussion was the kiosks where Siders highlighted the three most used paths and asked for input about how the kiosks should look. Everyone felt they should all look the same and be consistent.

A preliminary master plan was provided for the Wellness Center but was not detailed and did not include any trail information. The feeling was that there should be some connection with the tennis courts.

7. Discussion regarding update of Master Parks and Recreation Plan. Siders reviewed with board members the changes that have been made. At Memorial Park, the need for a recognition of veterans memorial has been completed, the playground equipment leaning and needs adjusted has been completed, the north playground retaining wall is on the list to get done this fall and replacement of the south retaining wall was added to the list. For long term needs, the need for a restroom facility and the reconstruction of a new gazebo with replacement of the terraced landscaping was added.

At Bryant Park, new soccer goals have been done and landscaping at the new park sign has not been done. Portable bleachers are being considered. The improvements of sidewalks along Bryant Road has been removed and will be considered under trail conversations. Additional parking is still on the list and replacement of the retaining wall around the shelter was moved to the immediate list. Park expansion is on the long term list and the need for an additional trail has been removed and will be discussed during trail discussions. Lights for the road and parking lot was added to the long term list.

At Davis Park, LED lighting on the exterior of the pool has been completed. Placing a park bench near basketball court is on the list to do this fall. Planting trees near the pool has been done. Pool renovations are complete but some items may be added to the long term list. The roof on the storage building near the batting cage should be replaced in another year or two. Replacing the concession stand and restrooms is on the long term capital list as well as repair of permanent bleachers. Trails through the park was removed and will be added to the trails discussion. Replace and update ball field lights is moved to intermediate needs. Siders would like to add a pool basin liner to the long term needs as well as parking lot lights at the ball field and updates to the pool house building. Replacement of the cottonwood trees will be added to the intermediate list.

At Elliott Park, expansion of playground and additional signage at the 7<sup>th</sup> Street entrance has not been done yet. Land acquisition to the east has been done and

new park land grading will be added to the intermediate list. Purchase more portable bleachers is on the long term list as well as ball field lighting. Siders would also like to add a new shed closer to fields A and B to the intermediate list.

At Nature Park the dock has been replaced at the quarry but access to the dock has not been replaced. Chemical treatment of the quarry was not done this year but will be kept on the plan as well as the creation of a foot walking bridge to connect land to the SE. Wayfinding signage from 1<sup>st</sup> Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and Lisbon Road will be added to the list along with a more durable path to the dog park.

Underhill Park will have park elements repainted once a year. Improvement of the parking area, addition of a restroom facility and addition of a pavilion will be added to the long term plan.

At Sauter park there will be new tree planting done and consideration will be given to a possible rain garden at the north entrance.

Discussion will continue at the next meeting.

8. Subcommittee reports (Parks, Capital, Pool, Programming, and Volunteer).
9. Old Business.
10. New Business. Boren and Cranston will have expiring terms on the board in September. A survey will be compiled that will focus on facilities and programming.

Meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m., July 24, 2018

Respectfully submitted, Marsha Dewell, Deputy Clerk