



**THE CITY OF LIBERTY LAKE
PARKS & ARTS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 6TH, 2023 - 4:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER:

Commissioner Hill called the meeting of the Parks and Arts Commission to order at 4:00 PM on March 6th, 2023.

ROLL CALL:

Position #1: Bob Schneidmiller **Excused**

Position #6: Tom Chamberlain **Excused**

Position #2: John Bahr **Present**

Position #7: Noelle Otersen Loparco **Present**

Position #3: David Himebaugh **Present**

Student Position: Vacant

Position #4: Nancy Hill **Present**

Ops. & Maint. Director: Jennifer Camp

Position #5: Laura Frank **Present**

Administrative Assistant: Tait Hunter

APPROVALS:

Commissioner Hill opened discussion regarding the February 6th meeting minutes. Commissioner Frank motioned for approval, which was seconded by Commissioner Himebaugh. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Himebaugh motioned for the Story Walk update (sec. 6.3) to be moved after Citizen Comments. Commissioner Frank seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

No comments were made at this meeting.

STORY WALK UPDATE:

Mark Bitz with Spokane Valley Tech presented the SVT students that will be working on the next Story Walk installment. The students presented their proposal for the stands which would hold the books, and provided details on the differences between the new proposed stands versus the 2020 stands in Rocky Hill Park. Approximate quotes for supplies were provided, though they are not final quotes. Commissioner Himebaugh motioned for the Commission to approve the SVT proposed stands. Commissioner Bahr seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

STAFF REPORT:

Parks & Facilities Update

Jennifer Camp noted that all three projects (Trailhead, Public Works Yard, Kramer Overpass/ Roundabout) are moving forward.

Upcoming Events

Jennifer provided a brief update on the upcoming events. All events listed on the agenda are still set to go forward, and are coming along well in the application/ planning process where applicable.

Recreation Update

The Mat agreement for Yoga in the Park is still in progress.

OPMA Renewals– Follow Up

There is still time for commissioners to get their OPMA certificates in. They are a requirement for commissioners.

STAFF REPORT CONTINUED:

Jennifer also reminded commissioners to consider having someone attend the March 21st Council Meeting for an update. Commissioner Loparco volunteered to attend.

UNFINISHED/ NEW BUSINESS:

Hooptown Selection Committee

Commissioner Frank briefly went over the process for the selection committee, and the commissioners discussed who from the community should be part of that committee. Commissioner Frank volunteered to head the process of choosing the selection committee. Further discussion took place in which the commissioners each voiced possible candidates for the committee.

Dog Park

Commissioner Hill briefly touched on the dog park proposal. Currently, the dog park proposal is on the CFP as unfunded and to be determined. Commissioner Frank will be going to the next Community Engagement Commission (CEC) meeting to suggest putting the dog park out to the community for input and backing.

ACTION ITEMS/ DISCUSSION/ PRESENTATIONS:

Workshop

The workshop began with the commissioners reviewing and discussing the current ordinance around which the commission was formed.

Tree City qualifications were explained by Jennifer Camp, and explained that the program was staff driven, and therefore the commission would not have much involvement. Changes can be proposed to Council, however it was recommended to leave the verbiage as is.

The Bicycle Community program was also discussed, and Jennifer Camp stated she would do more research on the history of that program within the City and bring information back at a later date.

The commission discussed the strategic plan, and what projects they would want to see going forward.

The commission then returned to the ordinance for further discussion. They went over other aspects of the ordinance that haven't been discussed as often, or at all, in past meetings. They also discussed collaboration between other commissions, and how said collaboration would be mutually beneficial. Discussion continued this way, with questions being asked, discussed and answered, until the end of the workshop.

UPCOMING MEETING:

The next meeting is scheduled for April 17th, 2023.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:40 PM.