



**City of Covington  
Parks & Recreation Commission  
Minutes**

July 20, 2011

Covington Community Room

6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.

ROLL CALL Present: Dave Aldous, Kollin Higgins, Liz Fast, Conni Elliott, Bryan Higgins

Excused: Steve Pand and William Pand

CITY STAFF PRESENT Scott Thomas

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

The June minutes were approved as submitted.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

No citizens were present.

CONTINUED BUSINESS

There was no continued business

NEW BUSINESS 1. **2012 Budget Update**—Scott discussed the differences in this year’s budget process. He stated the goals of the Parks & Recreation dept. as they support the Council’s goals/vision for the City. The CM reviewed the PROS plan priorities for the department in relation to how the budget request will be submitted. Scott’s priorities for park access for the next year are Jenkins Creek Trail and Evergreen Park. Public Works is proposing a new full time park maintenance position, plus a 9 month seasonal employee. There is a trail in the Coho development, along the southern creek, that is transferring to the City early because the original developer declared bankruptcy that will need to be maintained. A section of the Rainier Vista trail was also recently transferred to the City. We have numerous volunteer opportunities, but little City staff time to manage volunteers, so Scott is considering a volunteer stewardship decision card. Aquatics is trying to put together a package of decision cards to promote the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary next year. For recreation, Pat Patterson is looking for a Recreation Assistant to support community events and festivals. Scott also added the Park Impact Fee study to the budget list. Most of the capital budget request is in support of Covington Community Park. A portion of the capital

