



City of Covington Parks & Recreation Commission Minutes

December 16, 2015
6:00 PM

Covington City Hall

CALL TO ORDER	Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.
ROLL CALL	Chair Laura Morrissey, Vice Chair Bryan Higgins, Conni Elliott, George Tomalik, Troy McIntyre, Steve Pand
EXCUSED	Lisa Knapton
UNEXCUSED	
CITY STAFF PRESENT	Rachel Bahl, Angie Feser
APPROVAL OF AGENDA	The Agenda was approved as submitted.
APPROVAL OF MINUTES	There were no November minutes.
CITIZEN COMMENTS	NA

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Parks Planning Update** – Park Impact Fees have not been addressed by Community Development or Legal departments yet, and are on the tentative work plans for each. Until this program is addressed, we cannot collect fees from builders to offset the development cost of new parks. The Aquatic Center room addition design/planning is in process, and on schedule to go out for bid in Q1, with construction starting soon after. After the PROS Plan is approved, grant applications can be submitted for SoCo park, parcel 2. Angie submitted the Parks Planning Work Plan. We should be starting on the skate park this spring, with volunteer involvement for park equipment installation. MultiCare has recently awarded us with a \$1500 donation. Jenkins Creek Park is open in the lower park section with the new bridges installed. We will be able to make the wetlands mitigation payment to King County for CCP Phase 2, and include the shelters in the plan.
- 2. PROS Plan Update Review #2, Preliminary Plan** – Angie reviewed a draft PROS Plan Update, specifically the Goals and Objectives that some of the CM worked on. Angie asked that the CM make any suggestions for revision by the end of the month.

A motion was made and unanimously passed to accept the revisions to the revised Goal and Objectives for the PROS Plan.

A motion was made and unanimously passed to recommend the revised PROS Plan for City Council approval.

- 3. PRePAC Update** – The PRePAC has been meeting and getting presentations about Parks & Recreation budget information. The PR Commission will have a chance to review their report/recommendation in July 2016. The PRePAC meets the 4th Wednesday of each month; Pat will present on Recreation & Athletics in January and Finance will present in February.

STAFF REPORT

- Rachel stated that basketball program registrations are about equal to last year and enrollment is already significant for Spring Soccer. The Winter Recreation Guide was delayed this year, and may

have accounted for the late surge of basketball registrations. Covington is partnering the Maple Valley for leagues that have fewer number of teams.

- The Aquatic Center surpassed last year's attendance, while programs are asking for additional pool time.
- Ethan Newton has been hired as the City of Covington Parks & Recreation Director. He should be at the January meeting.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

- Steve is not reapplying for the Commission at this time. He would be willing to reapply with a one-year sabbatical, or reapply in December 2016.

A motion was made and unanimously passed to name the small pedestrian bridge over Spring Pond after Susan Pearson and the large bridge over Jenkins Creek after George Pearson.

- Rachel pointed out that the PR Extended Agenda dates are incorrect and will be revised for the January agenda.
- Bryan stated that the Arts Commission had some feedback on their involvement in the selection of art in CCP. Angie explained that we are not ready to select art for that project at this time.
- Bryan acknowledged Laura's great presentation at the Jenkins Creek Park ribbon cutting ceremony. He felt that she represented the commission very well and had great things to say.
- William Pand, former youth CM, is doing very well at school and says Hello to the Commission. The CM was excited to learn about William's success in making the Dean's List and plans for Graduate School.
- The Seahorse statue purchase fund is growing, and there are future plans for a naming contest.
- Happy Holidays!

With no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Conni Elliott

Secretary, Parks and Recreation Commission