City of Covington
Parks & Recreation Commission Minutes

October 19, 2016
7:00 PM
Covington City Hall

CALL TO ORDER | Meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm.
ROLL CALL | Chair Laura Morrissey, Vice Chair Bryan Higgins, Conni Elliott, Lisa Knapton, Zbigniev Tomalik, Justin Reed
EXCUSED |
UNEXCUSED | Troy McIntyre
CITY STAFF PRESENT | Ethan Newton, Ross Junkin, Pat Patterson
APPROVAL OF AGENDA | The Agenda was approved as submitted.
APPROVAL OF MINUTES | The minutes for September 21 were approved.
CITIZEN COMMENTS | Andrew Wilmoth, Hattie Palmer, Teria Ellis from Green River Coalition

NEW BUSINESS
1. Receive Update on Covington Community Park Natural Area Restoration – The Green River Coalition presented their update on their work in the Covington Community Park Natural Area Restoration, including a detailed work summary.
2. Park Maintenance Update – Ross Junkin, Maintenance Operations Manager, gave a summary/update of the City’s Parks Maintenance program. The Elements asset management program is now capable of providing better data snapshots, as we were hoping for. The soccer fields at CCP are compacting, and we need to do a deeper aeration of the field in order to remove standing water and mitigate flooding of the fields. The City of Federal Way has one of these machines that Covington may be able to use. There are currently 1 FTE and 1, 9-month, seasonal parks maintenance employees. We will be adding Phase 2 of CCP, SoCo Park and Oak Pointe (future development will include park space). The report is not clear on whether or not the school district facilities that we use for recreation programs is included in the maintenance system. Ross had great things to say about Jessie and his dedication to Parks Maintenance.
3. Special Events Update – Pat Patterson, Recreation Manager gave an update on the Recreation program’ special events and summary of summer events. Highlights included the watermelon-eating contest, Covington Days (including zoo), KidsFest, and 5th annual summer concert series. Average attendance at the summer concert series was 282 people this year. Pat reviewed the history and estimated 1500 people in attendance at KidsFest this year, the most successful year to date. There were 275 attendees at the Outdoor Movie Night, which was very successful for a first year event. He reviewed changes to plans for Tree Lighting this December. The volunteer appreciation dinner received a lot of positive comments.

STAFF REPORT
• CCP Phase 2 SEPA and JARPA have been submitted. McLeod Reckord will be giving their 90% Design presentation to council on Tuesday. Groundbreaking is still scheduled for April 2017.
• We have a purchase and sale agreement for SoCo property parcel 1. We should close by the end of October.
• The transfer of Cedar Creek Park is being coordinated between the City and King County, which will include the demolition of the houses on the property and the city will get trail planning and acquisition assistance from the county.
• The Aquatic Center room addition is at about 50% completion; it should be finished by the end of November. Attendance continues to be strong, and above 100k through end of September.
• Fall Soccer is almost complete, and volleyball is about to start. There are some Halloween activities coming up for aquatics and recreation.

GOOD OF THE ORDER
• CM Higgins apologized for missing the last 2 council meetings.
• Chair Morrissey expressed the possibility that she may need a break from her position as Commission chair for 2017, and for CM to start thinking about volunteering.

Respectfully submitted,
Conni Elliott
Secretary, Parks and Recreation Commission