



City of Longview

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Minutes

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

Monday, April 16, 2012

7:00 PM

Recreation Office, 2920 Douglas

1. Roll Call

Present: 3 - Marianne Chambers, Janyce Rippili and Tim Temples

Absent: 1 - Louis LaPierre

Excused: 1 - John Green

Staff Present

Absent: Jessica Sanchez, Teen Representative

Staff Present: Dave Campbell and Liz Davis

Others Present: Ken Botero, Tom Hutchinson

Chairperson Temples called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

2. Approval of Minutes

The March 19, 2012 regular meeting minutes were unanimously approved on a motion from Marianne Chambers which was seconded by Janyce Rippili.

Attachments: [March 19 2012 Park Board Minutes .pdf](#)

3. Constituent Comments

There were no constituents present.

4. Board Member Comments

Without Louis LaPierre's present, the aphid report was tabled. There were no board member comments.

Attachments: [AphidSummary2012.pdf](#)

5. Tree Board Report

There were no comments regarding the written report.

6. Reports

Park Maintenance Supervisor

Tim inquired about vandalism during the past month. In Curt Nedved's absence, Dave Campbell responded that there was some tagging and damage to the restroom locks. He said the crew also found disturbing graffiti in the restrooms at Hemlock Plaza and that the police were contacted. Tim remarked that the restroom interiors at Hemlock look bad.

Attachments: [Park Maintenance Report 03-11-12 to 04-07-12.pdf](#)

Recreation Superintendent

There were no questions regarding Dick Mueller's written reports. Tim remarked that the father/daughter ball last month was another great event.

Attachments: [Recreation Staff Report for January 2012.pdf](#)
[February 2012 Recreation Staff Report.pdf](#)

Director

7. Old Business

Prioritizing Park & Recreation Plan Capital Projects

Staff has consolidated the ranking results and presented them to the board, noting that the methodology differed between members. Tim felt the evaluation process was to bring up what is the most important or what park to recommend using the Kuntz funds. He favored a skate park in Hoehne Park located in the west end of town. Marianne felt priorities should go to playground equipment, pavement, safety, and lighting improvements at various parks including Anderson and Kellogg parks.

Tim discussed the use of the funds. Marianne wanted to look at it by playground and providing a safe place for kids to play.

Tim felt the available funds would be the driver and to split it between current needs while leaving some money in fund to match a future CDBG. Marianne already suggested to Council to not spend all of fund. Dave said there was a variety of thought among council to spend at any one time.

Councilman Hutchinson was not clear where the Kuntz money was spent. Dave explained that the first donation of \$100,000 from Mr. Kuntz was designated for Lake Sacajawea and Lions Island only; it was fully spent in the mid-1990s. The second and remaining part of the fund from Mrs. Kuntz was not limited but was for the improvement of all city parks.

Councilman Botero said that the Kuntz family wanted to improve family atmosphere all across the city.

Councilman Hutchinson noted that walking trails are a family focus. Marianne said there are trail projects within particular parks, however there isn't a project for overall trail system in the CIP plan. Tim suggested develop multiple tired projects to present to the council.

Tim recommended a homework assignment for board members, keeping the end in mind while understanding the methodology for the recommendations. Everyone needs to review the park and recreation survey, which is the only data point.

- 1. Review documents that are available, i.e., matrix and surveys*
- 2. Suggest how to divide the money*
- 3. Compile a justifiable list*

Responding to Councilmen Botero and Hutchinson, Tim suggested giving council a tour of recommended projects after list is compiled.

Dave reminded the board this needs to be finalized at their May 21st meeting prior to the council workshop on this issue on June 7th at 6 pm.

Lake Sacajawea Concession Proposal

Dave Campbell said that council would like more detail about the proposed policy in terms of allowing mobile vendors at the Hemlock Plaza area at Lake Sacajawea. Councilmember Tom Hutchinson said he has heard comments from both points of view. Many like idea but want to know what it would look like and what would be sold.

Councilmember Ken Botero wanted to know if this proposal was cost prohibitive to city. Councilmember Hutchinson inquired where the idea came from. Tim Temples recalled it was part of the concerts at the lake discussion. Tim said this was just an idea and council doesn't have to agree with it. Marianne didn't feel city should tell businesses what they should sell.

Councilmember Botero felt this topic shouldn't have been brought up until board knew what it would look like. Councilmember Hutchinson felt that everyone on council seems interested in the possibility, and that Councilmember Melink was concerned about trinkets. They just wanted details, and to know what the Request for Proposals would look like.

Marianne said this was an initial proposal to see if council interested in pursuing before staff does more work on the project. Dave noted that staff does have a draft RFP ready for review if the concept is acceptable to council.

Tom said the council is willing to consider because it has merit. Councilmember Hutchinson and Councilmember Mike Wallin have agreed to meet with staff to work out the details and report back to council with a recommendation at a later date. Dave asked Councilmember Hutchinson if he would like a park board member as part of the process. Marianne volunteered.

Tim said he was not in favor and felt it would be cluttering the park. Tim was concerned there isn't a market for this type of vendor. Councilmember Botero sees merit at another location at the lake (i.e., 15th Avenue). Councilmember Hutchinson suggested a trial period with a sunset clause. He also stated it was important to know that park board is supportive of project.

Councilmember Hutchinson thanked the board for their work.

8. New Business

Return of Shay Locomotive to Library Grounds

Dave Campbell shared the conceptual design proposal showing the location for the Shay. The locomotive was used by Long Bell Company in the early days of Longview and was previously on display at the Library grounds until falling into disrepair. John Chilson has spent the last few years having it refurbished. It has not been reassembled yet. Dave said that the Shay supporters are seeking donations for the support structure, roof and fence, with plans to relocate it this summer upon receiving approval. He said that council has approved the project, however the design would require Park Board and Historic Preservation Commission approval.

Following discussion, Marianne Chambers said she would like to see more detailed specifications and information before making a motion on the design, other members agreed.

Attachments: [CA 2012-2 Long-Bell Shay locomotive library site ltr sm.pdf](#)

9. Adjournment

*Chairperson Temples adjourned the meeting at 8:55 pm.
Next meeting May 21, 2012*

Submitted by:

Liz Davis, Secretary to the Committee