



City of Auburn Parks, Arts & Recreation Parks & Recreation Board



Parks and Recreation Board Meeting

Minutes

Tuesday, May 5, 2015

5:30 p.m.

Auburn Senior Activity Center, Rotary Room

I. Call to Order

Members present were Chair Michael Hassen and board members Greg Dobbs, David Domenowske and Vicki Gilthvedt. Excused member Richard Artura. Unexcused member Joe Bauman. Department staff present were Parks Director Daryl Faber, Parks Planning & Development Manager Jamie Kelly and Parks Secretary Julie Mehl.

II. Minutes

The January, February and March minutes are motioned for approval by Greg Dobbs, Vicki Gilthvedt seconds.

III. Committee Member Input

Director Faber contacted the Auburn Police Department regarding kids causing trouble at the skate area at Sunset Park.

IV. Correspondence/Public Input

V. Old Business

Director Faber gave an update on the Les Gove Community Center. The new space will include 13,000 sf of new construction and 9,000 sf renovated including a nice patio in the rear of the building. Amenities include fitness room, large rentable space, small classroom, storage room, administrative offices, a multi-purpose room. There will be a dedicated bicycle officer at the Les Gove Campus.

VI. New Business

VII. Department Report

Jamie Kelly attended a homeless workshop discussing the following: Some cities have day shelters with food, showers, employment assistance, mental health services. These shelters keep homeless away from parks, children, libraries etc. Staff members are being trained to approach and get to know local homeless folks. Keeping trees and brush trimmed helps avoid encampments, the more people that are around – the less homeless there will be, they tend to not want to be seen. Working on ways to help them out and/or help them to move along.

Upcoming summer camps include every school age group: Day Camp, Sports Camps, Lego Camps, Teen Trip Thing, Adventure Camps, Dance Camps, Gymnastics Camp.

Clean Sweep / Earth Day projects included: Dykstra Park, trees at levee's, cemetery, birding towers at Auburn Environmental Park.

Jamie Kelly is working on updating the Parks Open Space Plan which includes quality and quantity of parks, trails, roofing, fencing replacement and upkeep, facility maintenance etc. This plan is required in order to apply for certain grants. The West Hill and Lea Hill areas are in need of more parks.

The Les Gove Campus Master Planning process includes the new community center, we are looking into punching H St through to Auburn Way S which would turn the existing area into a plaza between the museum and Auburn Youth Resources. We may call the area Auburn Community Campus and the park area would remain Les Gove. May bring in food/taco trucks and leave plenty of green space.

The Lea Hill restrooms are nearing completion.

Upcoming events include: Petpalooza - May 16, Kids Day - June 19, 4th of July festival – July 4.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:26 pm.

Approved this ____ Day of _____, 2015

Michael Hassen, Chair

Daryl Faber, Director