



SEDRO-WOOLLEY PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

January 3rd 2011

Members Present: Ed Blanton, Mark Mauden, Stephanie Lokkebo, Kim Woolsey, Todd Torgeson
Members Absent: Caleb Bradford
Staff Present: Shane Walley, Nathan Salseina
Others Present: Becky Taft, Robert Woolsey, Councilman Keith Wagoner, Councilman Brett Sandstrom
Call to Order: 6:00 pm

Public Comment Period:

Becky Taft representing the Sedro-Woolley Soroptomists Club was introduced and stated that the club had money to spend on a park project and that she was attending the board meeting looking for ideas for a project that supported women and girls in the community.

Discussion ensued on ideas for a project. Councilman Sandstrom brought up the idea of following the example of Storvic Park in Anacortes where you have community buy in. There was discussion about including the community garden in the project. It was recommended that Memorial Park would be a favorable place. A discussion of the vandalism problem at Memorial Park was discussed.

Mark Mauden commented that the Rotary has money to contribute to such a project, and had been in contact with somebody at the city. It was stated that this information has not made its way down to the parks staff yet. It was stated that there are several groups working toward the creation of a community garden, and somebody needs to get the different groups together.

There was discussion of long term park planning.

Nathan Salseina commented that the city does have a Parks and Recreation element as part of the cities comprehensive plan that the planning staff and planning commission are working on with input from parks staff. He commented that there is a joint meeting of the parks board and planning commission scheduled on January 18th at city hall where the parks board can give input on the process.

Todd Torgeson commented that the from the school district standpoint they are lacking open space for kids to be active, and they have a tough time finding space. He also commented that walking paths and trails are something that are lacking in the city. Robert Woolsey commented that the FEMA Land at Riverfront would be an ideal place for trails. Discussion ensued on the status of the cascade trail connection project.

Becky Taft thanked the board for the input and she will keep thinking of a good project.

Nathan Salseina made a presentation on the adopt a tree program that is in the works. The board reviewed the program, some discussion followed.

Ed Blanton made a motion to endorse the program as presented and the recommended rates for trees, Kim Woolsey seconded the motion, the motion carried 5-0

Nathan Salseina made a presentation on the park info guide that he is working on and stated it should be done by the end of the month and ready to distribute to the chamber and other areas for visitors as well as residents.

Stephanie opened the discussion on recognition of city volunteers. The ideas of giving volunteers a certificate, a plaque or creating a monument wall in one of the parks was discussed. Staff will research the ideas further and bring back ideas and costs at a later meeting.

The board was reminded of the joint Planning Commission /Parks Board meeting on January 18th at 6:30 at city hall.

Meeting Adjourned 7:18

Next Parks Board Meeting January 18th 2011

Next Regular Parks Board Meeting March 7th 2011