

Minutes
Cheney Park Board Commission
Regular Meeting

October 19, 2022

Commissioners Attending: Chris Hoppe, Ryan Delaney, Savannah Youmans, Jackie Randall, Ron Valencia, Chris Babcock.

Commissioners Absent: Kelley Cullen.

Staff Attending: Kelly McGinley Ashe, Ethan Olson, Leslie Bridges.

Councilmembers Attending: None.

Call to Order: Commissioner Hoppe called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

Minutes: Minutes of the August 10, 2022 regular meeting were approved by Commissioner Delaney and seconded by Commissioner Valencia. All in favor.

Information Items:

- A. Yvonne Trudeau – Spokane Parks Foundation – Ms. McGinley Ashe introduced Yvonne Trudeau the director of SPF. Ms. Trudeau stated that our grant request for aquatics type programs would be channeled through the Make-A-Splash program and that our other grant requests could be channeled through SPF. Each item would be eligible for funding in the amount of \$1000 to \$8000. Applications are due by November 30th. Ms. Trudeau noted that they also do fund raising for dog parks and park memorials noting that they honor the donor’s intent as a priority for memorials. Ms. Trudeau shared examples about recently supported grant applications, including dog parks and improved park accessibility. She also shared that the Foundation is eager to increase the number of funded projects in the West Plains. Commissioner Babcock and Commissioner Delaney inquired about meeting with her for more information regarding dog parks and park memorials. Commissioner Randall inquired if SPF could help with the funding for the 50-acre park as well. Ms. Trudeau said she could send us some examples of other parks that they have helped fund for ideas on fund raising. Ms. Trudeau handed out SPF’s most current newsletter containing information about their program and how it works.

- B. Dog Park updates – Fence Contractor update – Ms. McGinley Ashe stated that the fencing company will start digging the holes for the fence posts by the end of the month and hopefully finish the fencing by November 18th. Commissioner Babcock stated that she would like to meet with Ms. Trudeau regarding dog park fundraising for other amenities to the park and also noted that park mitigations fees are available to us.
Rules – Commissioner Hoppe inquired about the rules for the dog park. Ms. McGinley Ashe referred to the handout with a sample of some dog park rules and asked the Board for feedback. Commissioner Hoppe suggested emergency contact info and any RCW codes that would apply. Commissioner Babcock suggested leaving space on the sign so we could add to it later as needed. Ms. McGinley Ashe noted that it depends on the size of the sign we get.

- C. Renaming Parks – Commissioner Delaney referred the Board members to the draft Park Naming Policies. The draft was openly discussed among the Board members with clarification and changes to the last section, item b adding “or organizations” to the verbiage.
- D. Update on Pool from NAC – Ms. McGinley Ashe introduced Brooke Hanley and Keith Comes from NAC with the results of our recent pool study and survey. Ms. Hanley reported that over all our survey resulted in positive comments and feedback from the community regarding a community pool. NAC reviewed, via power point, the detailed results of the study and the survey noting that the top 3 highest interests were swimming lessons, recreational swimming and aquatics fitness programs. At the end of the review NAC presented 4 options to consider for our pool and requested that we choose 2 of them to further investigate for more detailed information regarding costs and changes. NAC gave an overall review of what each option would include with option 1 being the least expensive and option 4 being the most expensive. The Board members discussed each option amongst themselves with a result being options 3 & 4 with variations and to move forward. Commissioner Youmans motioned to further investigate options 3 & 4 to include variations, Commissioner Valencia seconded the motion. All in favor.

Citizen Participation: None.

Action Items:

- A. VOTE on Spokane Parks Foundation Grant Request Submissions –Commissioner Youmans motioned to approve the grant request for Parks Naming signage, Dog Waste Stations in City parks, Dog Park Rules signage and automatic restroom locks, Commissioner Delaney seconded the motion. All in favor.
- B. VOTE on approve the sending of the Parks Signage letter – Commissioner Hoppe clarified that the letter would be from the Park Board as a whole. Commissioner Delaney motioned to approve the letter as written, Commissioner Babcock seconded the motion. All in favor.
- C. VOTE on Naming Parks and Donation Procedures to send to City Council – Commissioner Delaney motioned to table the section regarding Donation Procedures to gather more information and move forward with the Park Naming policies with the additions to verbiage. Commissioner Youmans seconded the motion. All in favor. Commissioner Hoppe noted that he and city staff would work with SPF on the Park Naming policies.
- D. VOTE on increasing Park Board meetings to once a month – Commissioner Youmans made a motion to increase the Park Board meetings to once a month beginning November 9th, Commissioner Delaney seconded the motion. All in favor.

Tree Board Business: None.

Commissioner Reports: Commissioner Hoppe inquired about the executive session that was held after City Council regarding the RCO grant violations and the 50-acre park. Ms. McGinley Ashe stated that Councilmember Paul Schmidt informed her that the RCO committee is not willing to work with us in regards to farming part of the land as that was not part of the agreement. We may need to go through legislators to move this along.

Staff Reports: Ms. McGinley Ashe stated that she is currently working on Spring/Summer programming and if you have any ideas or suggestions to please let her know. Mr. Olson stated that he is preparing for the Winter Youth Basketball season that starts in January. Commissioner Hoppe inquired about the

status of the Adult Sports programs. Mr. Olson reported that they are not off to a very good start due to miscommunication with the other cities involved. We need to have a pre-season meeting with them so we are all on the same page.

There being no further business, motion to adjourn the meeting by Commissioner Youmans and seconded by Commissioner Delaney. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Approved By:

Leslie Bridges, Administrative Clerk

Chris Hoppe, Chairman