



AGENDA - REVISED

Parks and Recreation Commission # 6-2014

Richland City Hall ~ 505 Swift Boulevard ~ City Council Chambers

Thursday, August 14, 2014, 7:00 p.m.

Commission

Members: Chair Gutierrez, Vice-Chair Doran and Commissioners Richards, Finch, Buelt, Katipamula, Valentino, Beck and McBurney

Liaisons: Council Liaison Kent, Alternate Council Liaison Anderson, and Parks and Public Facilities Director Schiessl

Welcome

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Approval of August 14, 2014, Agenda

Approval of July 10, 2014, Minutes

Council Liaison Report

Recreation Report

Parks and Public Facilities Report

Public Comments

Presentations

Unfinished Business

New Business

1. Stevens Park Master Plan
2. **Use of Park District 5 funds for Gala Park**

Commission Comments

Adjournment

The Next Parks and Recreation Commission Workshop is Thursday, August 28, 2014 and

The Next Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting is Thursday, September 11, 2014

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MINUTES

Richland Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting # 5-2014

Richland City Hall – 505 Swift Boulevard – Council Chambers

Thursday, July 10, 2014 ~ 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Gutierrez called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE:

Vice Chair Doran, Commissioners Buelt, Finch, McBurney, Beck and Katipamula were present. Chair Gutierrez, Commissioners Richards and Valentino excused. Also in attendance were Council Liaison Kent, Parks and Public Facilities Director Schiessl, Parks and Public Facilities Managers Strand, Parks and Facilities Supervisor Sweeney.

APPROVAL OF THE July 10, 2014 AGENDA:

Commissioner Beck **moved** to approve the July 10, 2014 agenda. Commissioner Buelt **seconded** the motion. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE May 8, 2014 MINUTES:

Minutes revised:

Presentations:

Carl Berkowitz representative for 3 *Rivers Bicycle Coalition*, presented an overview of how to make Richland a more bicycle friendly community and why Richland should encourage cycling.

Commissioner Buelt **moved** to approve the May 8, 2014 minutes as revised. Commissioner Katipamula **seconded** the motion. Motion carried.

COUNCIL LIASON REPORT:

Council member Kent welcomed the public. Kent reported Council held a public hearing regarding the Shoreline Master Plan, which the Shoreline Master Plan was approved by Council. Also Kent reported that Council accepted comment from the public and approved the Transportation Improvement Plan.

RECREATION REPORT:

Parks and Public Facilities Manager Laurel Strand welcomed the public and informed all of the following events:

- Senior Trip – Discover the Columbia Gorge scheduled for August 15th. Registration deadline is August 11th.
- Sizzling Beach Party – Friday, July 17th held at George Prout Pool.
- Summer Movie Series – Monsters University, Friday, July 11th at John Dam Plaza.

- Senior Picnic – Richland will host the 21st Annual Senior Picnic on Thursday, September 18th at Howard Amon Park. Tickets are now available at the Community Center.

Stand also informed the public of several other events which can be found online at richlandparksandrec.com or call the Parks and Recreation department at 942-7529.

PARKS AND FACILITIES REPORT:

Facilities Supervisor Darrin Sweeney reported the following updates and progress throughout the City:

- Facility crews have been working hard to keep grass green with maintaining irrigation lines as well as the pool and splash and play.
- The new roof at George Prout pool is complete and also the interior has been retiled.
- Richland Little League hosted a state tournament at Badger Mountain playfields. Fields were prepped by facility crew for this tournament in partnership with Richland Little League.
- Drinking fountains; all but two of the drinking fountains are available for use in the parks.

Sweeney also mentioned how appreciative he is with the facility crew and all the work that they do.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Expansion of Trailhead Park Parking

Laurie Ness, 2253 Davison Avenue – Ness suggested collecting data of use at Trailhead Park before adding additional parking. Ness also would like to see more signage added for parking.

Bill Barr, 72 Willis – Supported the first two options with additional parking at Trailhead Park. Barr voiced his concerns with option three.

Hans Brandal, 1265 Plateau Drive – Supported additional of parking at Trailhead Park. Brandal voiced his concerns with patrons parking on the street near Trailhead Park.

Rob Hastings, 1277 White Bluffs Street – Supported additional parking at Trailhead Park and has added the option of additional parking south of the park. Hasting voiced his concerns with the option two.

Patrick Paulson, 2253 Davison Avenue – Voiced his concerns with a contractor's property damage at the Leslie Groves undeveloped area.

Mark Showalter, 1300 Alla Vista Street – Supported additional parking at Trailhead Park. Showalter suggested a fourth option which is to take the upper portion south of the park off and add additional parking in that location.

Dirk Peterson, 2107 Rainer Avenue – Supported additional parking at Trailhead Park. Peterson is in favor of option one and also some expansion west of the park.

Cindi Brandal, 1265 Plateau Drive – Supported additional parking at Trailhead Park. Brandal mentioned the large amount of use at the Badger Mountain flats land. Brandal is also in favor of additional parking south of the park and to add another tier to the current parking lot.

Russ Treat, 184 Llandwood Court – Supported additional parking at Trailhead Park. Treat suggested that a one-way access to parking be added just to the north of the restrooms at the park and use the existing exit.

Public comment closed at 7:44 p.m.

PRESENTATIONS:

President of Richland National Little League, Gary Watkins presented an overview of the league. Watkins mentioned that Richland will be hosting the State All-Star tournament this year. The tournament will bring in thirteen teams, including families and friends from around the state. Gary expressed his appreciation with the partnership with the City on preparation of the fields at Badger Mountain Park.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION COMMENTS:

- **Kit McBurney:** Thanked everyone that came forward with public comments.
- **Zach Finch:** Looking forward to next workshop to discuss the concerns/suggestions in regards to Trailhead Park parking.
- **Jim Buel:** Thanked everyone for their public comments.
- **Shanta Katipamula:** Thanked everyone for public comments. Shanta also encouraged everyone to attend the Urban Greenbelt Trail walk in July and August.
- **Nancy Doran:** Encouraged everyone to attend and explained the route of the Urban Greenbelt Trail. Compliments on the flower beds at Howard Amon Park. Congratulated Park Ranger Jen and everyone involved with the success of the 2014 Geocoin Challenge. Also reminded everyone of Sweater Weather.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Reviewed by: Joe Schiessl, Parks and Public Facilities Director

Approved by: _____
Chair Maria Gutierrez, Richland Parks and Recreation Commission

TO: Parks and Recreation Commission

FROM: Phil Pinard, Parks and Public Facilities Manager

DATE: August 14, 2014

SUBJECT: GALA PARK

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Parks and Recreation Commission recommend allocating \$30,000 of Park District 5 funds to Gala Park for playground safety surfacing, curbing and sidewalks.

MOTION FOR CONSIDERATION

I move that the Parks and Recreation Commission forward a recommendation to Council to allocate \$30,000 of Park District 5 funds to Gala Park for playground safety surfacing, curbing and sidewalks.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is currently \$25,000 remaining in the project budget. The estimates cost to complete the remaining work is \$55,000. Park District funds are generated from the collection of park impact fees from new single/multi family home construction. Park impact fees are required to be used to build park infrastructure.

BACKGROUND

Phase 1 of the development of the park was completed May of 2014 which inculed irrigation, turf and trees. The remaining items to complete are the installation of the playground, sidewalks and a park bench.

The City has adopted new playground safety surfacing standards and is transitioning away from the engineered wood fiber material due to high maintenance costs and accessibility issues. The new surfacing costs are double that of the wood fiber material which has necessitated the request for additional funding.

TO: Parks and Recreation Commission

FROM: Phil Pinard, Parks and Public Facilities Manager

DATE: August 14, 2014

SUBJECT: STEVENS PARK MASTER PLAN

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Parks and Recreation Commission recommend approval of the master plan for Stevens Park and to allocate \$5,000 of Undesignated Park Reserve Funds to cover permitting fees for the project.

MOTION FOR CONSIDERATION

I move that the Parks and Recreation Commission forward a recommendation to Council to approve the Stevens Park Master Plan and to allocate \$5,000 of Undesignated Park Reserve Funds to the project for permitting fees.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with approval of the master plan. Construction of the restroom will require funding from the City of approximately \$5,000 to cover permit fees.

BACKGROUND

The adoption of a master plan for Stevens Park has been prompted by a request from Boy Scout Ryan Warren to construct a restroom at Stevens Park for his Eagle Scout project. The proposal was introduced to the PRC at their June workshop. The PRC supported the request and suggested that the neighbors be contacted and comments gathered regarding the restroom proposal and any other elements that neighbors would like to see in the park and that staff prepare a master plan for the park.

On August 5th forty notices were delivered to the neighbors of the park inviting them to the August PRC meeting to provide comments on Stevens Park amenities.

The proposed restroom will be similar to the one constructed at Jeannette Taylor Park. Ryan will solicit donations and contractors to complete the construction.

The Stevens Park location was chosen as the Warrens attend the Richland Lutheran Church across Stevens Drive. The Church uses the park for many activities and Ryan determined that restrooms would be a very worthwhile amenity for all park users. The City also schedules coach pitch and T-ball in the park.



DIVISION REPORT

RECREATION

Washington State Little League 9/10 State Tournament

Richland was chosen to host the 2014 - 9 and 10 year old Washington State All Star Tournament July 12 - July 20 at Badger Mountain Complex.

Opening Ceremonies for the tournament began on Saturday, July 12 at Badger Mountain Park. Due to the heat several game times were rescheduled.



Horn Rapids Motorsports Complex

Round #6 of the Black Widow Mx Championship Series and Top Gun Qualifier was on Sunday, July 13 at the Horn Rapids Motorsports Complex.



Sizzlin Summer Beach Party

George Prout Pool was filled to near capacity for the 2014 Sizzlin' Beach Party. Friday, July 18th, families enjoyed the pool, games, pizza and popcorn to the sounds of 1960's surfer music. Games included hula-hoop contests, water balloon toss, ladder ball, bean bag toss, and our first Frozen T-shirt Contest. Contestants were handed a t-shirt that had been soaked in water, rolled tight and frozen. First person to get the shirt on won!



Wakeboard Tournament

The third annual wakeboarding tournament at Wye Park was a huge success. There was approximately 50 contestants all competing for a \$1,000 grand prize. Several hundred gathered around either by boat or on shore to take in the amazing show put on by the participants. Planning is already underway for next year.



Mid-Columbia Pride Event

Hundreds turned out Sunday, July 20 for the Mid-Columbia Pride 2014 celebration. Many walked in a parade through central Richland in support of equal rights for lesbian, gay, bisexual and



transgender people before heading to John Dam Plaza for music, food and other activities. The event had over 20 vendors as well as live entertainment. A variety of organizations, clubs, color guard, Boy Scout from Seattle, Starbucks, Brad Taylor, the Benton County Commissioner candidate as well as many more joined the parade. The parade reached from Jadwin all the way down to Goethals.

2014 United States Tennis Association Outstanding Facility Award

Claybell Park was selected to receive the 2014 *United States Tennis Association (USTA) Outstanding Facility Award* from the Technical Committee of the USTA.

The United States Tennis Association's Outstanding Facility Award Program was established to stimulate high standards in tennis facilities and to recognize those facilities whose efforts make such a positive statement about the vitality of the game.

Official announcement of the award will be made as part of the Technical Committee meeting at the USTA Semi-Annual meeting in New York on Saturday August 30, 2014.

The 2014 USTA Facility Awards Program winners for *Public Courts: Small Tennis Centers (2 to 10 courts)* were:

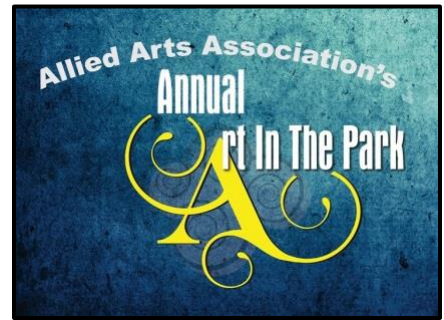
Claybell Park – Richland, Wash.
Wexford Plantation – Hilton Head, S.C.



64th Annual Art in the Park

Whimsical wind chimes, fragrant lotions and soaps, eye-popping paintings and many other handmade creations are featured at the annual Art in the Park sidewalk show on Friday, July 25th and Saturday, July 26th at Howard Amon Park. There was no fee to wander among the hundreds of artist booths selling pottery, jewelry, photography, paintings, soaps, clothing, toys and more. Vendors also sold food and beverages.

Ben Franklin Transit provided shuttle service both days from the parking lots at Fran Rish Stadium at Richland High and Carmichael Middle School to the park.



Summer Movie Series

Columbia Point Marina Park was the location for the Family Movie series on Friday, July 25th. Over 250 patrons enjoyed the chosen location and the movie, *The Nut Job*.

On Friday, August 1st the Recreation staff will set up the screen at the regular location at John Dam Plaza for the sixth free family movie of the summer.



Country Nesters Event

The 15th Annual "Antiques in the Park Show" was on Saturday, July 26, 2014 at John Dam Plaza. Patrons were able to shop and view antiques, collectables, vintage, funky junk, repurposed, unique treasures and so much more.



LIBRARY

Library Updates:

On Thursday, July 10th John Cox performed a scientific magic show that totally intrigued about 150 children and their parents.

Summer reading participation is still going strong. Pink and blue blow-up dolphins (one of the prizes) are being spotted in pools all over town!

Finger Knitting

On Friday, July 11th there were about 40 participants for a finger-knitting program. This program is one of the collaborative knitting events with the Community Center. These projects will be used in the “sweater weather” installation that will take place on October 4th.



Arm Knitting

On Friday, July 17th, people of all ages learned the fine art of “arm knitting”. There is a variety of knitting programs being held at the library over the summer so people can make pieces for the “Sweater Weather: Fashion for the Urban Forest” project in conjunction with the Parks Department. Trees in Howard Amon Park and Leslie Groves Park will be decorated on October 4th and remain in place until November 1st.



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On Wednesday, July 16th &yet hosted a conference at the library to come up with topics and speakers for the fourth annual TriConf to be held at the library on Friday, July 18th and Saturday, July 19th. An added feature this year was an after-hours all ages concert provided by MUX, a new concert venue in Richland. A huge stage was set up outside the library and people gathered on the lawn to hear ten bands and see a spectacular light show. This all-age concert was open to conference attendees and the public. Over 400 people attended one or both nights.



Storytellers and Art at the Library

On Tuesday, July 15th, the “So They Say Storytellers” shared their own take of stories of the natural world. After the stories, kids were invited to stay and create artist trading cards.

July 15th was also the first day to pick up canvases for the Children’s Art Show that will be on display in the lobby during the month of September. Richland business owner, Betsy Peterson who owns Monkey Dooz, provided 300 canvases at no charge to children wishing to showcase their talents. This is the fifth year they have sponsored this event. This year’s theme is “Make Your Mark and See Where It Takes You” inspired by the book ***The Dot*** by Peter Reynolds and International Dot Day.

Teens in grades 6-12 were invited to participate in a **Recycled Materials Crafts** program on July 16th. They made reusable bags from old t-shirts, paper roses from old books and pixie jar lanterns using jars and glow paint.

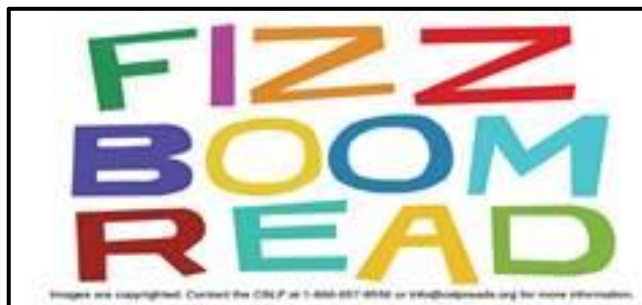
Richland Library Service Project

Parks and Public Facilities staff members along with the upcoming 2014 Miss Washington contestant, Tressia Nowlin led a group of young volunteers on Saturday, July 26th. The group picked up trash along the bike path that runs from Columbia Point Marina all the way to the Ben Franklin Transit building off of Columbia Park Trail. Along that 3 mile stretch, they collected over seven large garbage bags of debris totaling over 300 pounds of garbage. Refreshments and raffle prizes were provided by the library staff.



Fizz! Boom! Read!

The Science Fest program Wednesday, July 23rd was a great success. Over 900 patrons worked their way through various demonstrations and hands on activities inside and outside the library. Special thanks to the many organizations who presented including PNNL / Mid-Columbia STEM Ed Collaboratory, Washington Department



of Ecology, Lakeside Gem & Mineral Club, City of Richland Wastewater Division, LIGO, McNary Wildlife Refuge and the Mid-Columbia Beekeeper’s Association and the volunteers and staff who facilitated stations. Kids had a chance to see geodes being cracked open, watch a Mentos fountain, work with balancing, make paper airplanes, investigate colors and patterns on a light table and take part in several engineering and construction activities.

2014 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Aug 8	Summer Movie Series	John Dam Plaza
Aug 8-9	NSA Adult Tournament	Horn Rapids
Aug 9	Desert Thunder Lighted MX	Horn Rapids ORV Park
Aug 9	River Corridor Employee Association	Central Howard Amon Park
Aug 16-17	WSL Adult State Softball	Horn Rapids
Aug 16-17	BMX State Race	Horn Rapids Athletic Complex
Aug 16	Desert Thunder Lighted MX	Horn Rapids ORV Park
Aug 16-17	Summer Sizzler Volleyball	Howard Amon Park
Aug 15-16	Titanium Man Jr. Triathlon	Howard Amon Park
Aug 22-24	BMX State Race	Horn Rapids
Aug 24	Black Widow MX Series	Horn Rapids ORV Park
Aug 29-30	Tumbleweed Music Festival	Howard Amon Park
Sept 5	Kid's Fun Friday & Movie	Badger Mt. Park
Sept 6-7	NSA Adult Tournament	Horn Rapids
Sept 11-14	BMX Nationals	Horn Rapids
Sept 12	Bechtel National	Central Howard Amon Park
Sept 13	Soroptimist International	Columbia Point Marina Park
Sept 12-14	USA Preps Youth Softball	Columbia Playfield
Sept 11-14	BMX Lumberjack Nationals	Horn Rapids Athletic Complex
Sept 13	Desert Thunder Lighted MX	Horn Rapids ORV Park
Sept 22	NWCDCM	Community Center
Sept 27	American Diabetes Association Walk	Howard Amon Park
Sept 28	Black Widow MX Series	Horn Rapids ORV Park
Oct	Sweater Weather: Fashion for the Urban Forest	
Oct 4	Down Syndrome Awareness Assoc.	Central Howard Amon Park & Trail
Oct 4	Desert Thunder Lighted MX	Horn Rapids ORV Park
Oct 11	Bethlehem Lutheran School	Central Howard Amon Park
October 4-5	TCGFSA 3-Rivers Rally Softball	Columbia Playfield
Oct 18	TC Pregnancy Network Walk for Life	South Howard Amon Park
Oct 24	Fall Carnival	Community Center
Oct 25-26	Black Widow MX Series	Horn Rapids ORV Park
Oct 26	3RRR Tri City Marathon	Riverfront Trail
Nov 8-9	Black Widow MX Series	Horn Rapids ORV Park
Dec 5-6	Winter Wonderland	John Dam Plaza, Howard Amon Park
Dec 31	First Night Tri-Cities	TBD