

**CITY OF MONROE**  
**PARK BOARD MINUTES**  
**June 16, 2011**

**Call To Order**

Chairperson Karin Coppernoll called the Park Board meeting to order at 7:07pm in the Parks/Public Works Conference Room.

**Roll Call**

Board Members Present: Karin Coppernoll, Shawna Chamberlain, Bill Kristiansen, Steve Whalen, Collette Reams

Board Members Absent: Ralph Yingling

**Agenda Revisions** – None

**Approval of Minutes** - Motion was made by Shawna Chamberlain and seconded by Collette Reams to approve the minutes of the April 21, 2011 meeting. Motion made by Steve Whalen and seconded by Shawna Chamberlain to approve minutes of the May 19, 2011 meeting. Motions carried unanimously.

**Audience Participation** – None

**Unfinished Business** –None

**New Business** – The draft agenda for the July 21, 2011 regular meeting was discussed. Items to be added to the agenda include a general discussion on a park from the inventory list – *Hillcrest Park*, and review of *Section 4.1 and 4.2 of the Park Plan*.

**Staff Reports/Updates** –*Director's Report*- Mike Farrell shared with the Board the May Director's report of department activities including progress on the construction of two covered shelters – one for Lake Tye Park and one for Sky River Park. The Lake Tye Park shelter is nearing completion, with work to follow on the Sky River shelter. In-house staff is constructing them as time allows, as this time of year is busy with events and maintenance with reduced staffing.

The Kids Fishing Day, Bark for Life and Get Movin were events that were well-attended. The Tuesday Monroe Markets began June 7 and will continue on Tuesdays from 2-7pm at Traveler's Park. The location at Main St. and Hwy 2 is ideal for attracting market traffic and arrangements have been made with the owner of the Grocery Outlet shopping center to allow for parking for the events.

Planning and preparations have been underway for both the Tri-Monroe and MasterCraft Pro Wakeboard events. Notice has gone out to residents and businesses of road detours associated with the events.

### **Board Discussion**

*Currie View Park* – Mike Farrell gave a brief overview of the current features and uses of the park which mainly consists of a small childrens playground, pathway, basketball court and open-play areas. This neighborhood park was originally planned in the 1990's to be adjacent to a future fire station/community center (west of the original park parcel). The building(s) were nixed from the plan and the site was rough-graded, seeded and the Parks Department has been maintaining it since as an open play area part of Currie View Park. An idea that has been floated in the past and will most certainly come up again in the future when the real estate market and development rebounds is to sell the west portion to a developer for housing in-fill and use the proceeds from the sale to make improvements to Currie View Park and other future Parks CIP projects. It was generally agreed that at this time, that option is not practical due to the current real estate market.

*Review Park Plan Elements – Section 3* – The Board reviewed and discussed Section 3 of the current Park Plan Element of the City's Comprehensive Plan, which covered park classifications and standards. Karin Coppernoll introduced the key points which were park classifications, trail & pathway classifications, outdoor facility standards and open space standards. The Board inquired if these standards have been adopted and Mike Farrell confirmed that they have been. The open space standards are not only referenced in the plan, but also in the City's Planned Residential Development (PRD) portion of the Comprehensive Plan, with specific formulas that set aside open space areas according to each proposed PRD. The Board also discussed the linkage of trails within the City and the status of linkage to the regional Centennial and Snoqualmie Valley Trails. Mike Farrell explained that major replacements and repairs for the trail system do not have designated funding set aside, and that those needs would need to be identified on an as-needed basis and requested in budget cycles, as well as applying for supplemental grant funding. Karin Coppernoll brought up the idea of having volunteers or an Eagle Scout project develop a plan to install horseshoe courts somewhere within the park system as had been mentioned by Bill Kristiansen at the previous meeting. Mike Farrell mentioned that would be a good small project to research this fall.

*City/School District Athletic Facilities Long-range Planning* – Tabled to the July regular meeting.

### **Agency Reports**


*Planning Commission* – Bill Kristiansen reported that the City recently hired a Planner. The City is currently recruiting a Planning/Economic Development Manger position.

*Monroe School District* – No report.

### **Adjournment**

Motion by Bill Kristiansen and seconded by Collette Reams to adjourn. Motion carried.  
Meeting adjourned at 8:11 pm.

  
Karin Coppernoll, Chairperson

  
Collette Reams, Secretary