

CITY OF MONROE
PARK BOARD MINUTES
May 15, 2014

Call To Order

Chairperson Steve Whalen called the Park Board meeting to order at 7:02pm in the Parks/Public Works Conference Room.

Roll Call

Board Members Present: Steve Whalen, Karin Coppernoll, Lara Ramey, Shawna Chamberlain, Tami Beaumont, Ralph Yingling

Board Members Absent: Dian Duerkson

Agenda Revisions – None

Approval of Minutes - Motion was made by Ralph Yingling and seconded by Karin Coppernoll to approve the minutes of the April 17, 2014 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Audience Participation –None

Unfinished Business – None

New Business – *Open Public Meetings Act Training*- City Clerk Elizabeth Smoot presented a training which included a video and handouts to the Board as required by newly enacted State legislation.

After the presentation, the Board recessed for 5 minutes from 7:50pm to 7:55pm.

Draft Agenda –June 19, 2014 to include Park Plan Update (ongoing), parks and recreation update from Director Mike Farrell, and discussion of a park tour in July or August.

Staff Reports/Updates –*Director's Report*- Director Mike Farrell reported that the City is negotiating a contract with a qualified firm for architectural design and construction documents for the skate park improvement concept. Simultaneously, Director Farrell is applying for a State of Washington Recreation Conservation Office grant to help significantly fund the project.

Mr. Farrell also distributed a written report on Department activities that included events, programs, maintenance repairs and improvements throughout the parks system, and a briefing on the flower program for the downtown streetscapes, pots and hanging baskets in partnership with other organizations that offer volunteer services and donations to help beautify our community.

Board Discussion – *Park Plan Update* - The Board discussed the workshop on the topic of Parks that was held at Park Place Middle School on May 1. There was a general consensus by the Board that the workshop was lightly attended by the public and also noted a lack of youth present. There was a general concern that young families may have been underrepresented at the

workshop and hopes that they participate in the survey. Board Member Ralph Yingling stated that the Board may advocate for youth through the process.

Director Farrell invited the Board Members to stop by the Store Front Studio, which will be set up and open daily to the public during the first week of June (6/1-6/6) from 9am to 6pm to check on progress, ask questions and offer ideas. There will be a Land Use workshop on Monday and Wednesday evenings there from 6:30-8:30pm and an open house on Tuesday evening starting at 7pm. The Storefront Studio will be located at 404 W. Main St.

Director Farrell also announced that a joint workshop of the Monroe City Council, Planning Commission, Park Board and Stakeholder Committee is tentatively scheduled for June 18 from 7-9pm at Park Place Middle School where there will be a presentation on plan progress and draft findings.

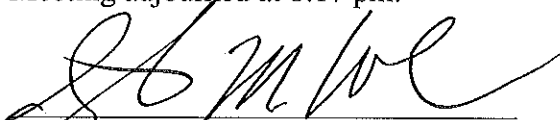
Agency Reports

Planning Commission –No report

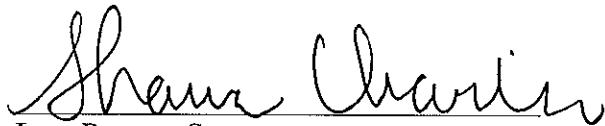
Monroe School District – No report

Adjournment

Motion by Karin Coppernoll and seconded by Ralph Yingling to adjourn. Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 8:17 pm.



Steve Whalen, Chairperson



~~Lara Ramey, Secretary~~
Sharna Chamberlain, member