

Forestry & Parks Commission Meeting

6/10/2021

Zoom

Meeting called by: Derek Barry

Type of meeting: Forestry & Parks Commission

Facilitator: Derek Barry

Note taker: Derek Barry

Attendees: Commissioners Bridges, Crawford, Dexter, Huffington, Johnson, Kenna, Tompkins, Community Services Manager Derek Barry, Parks Supervisor Dan Gates

Minutes

Agenda item: Approval of May 2021 meeting minutes

Presenter: Derek Barry

Discussion:

Approved the minutes of the May 2021 meeting.

Conclusions:

Approved

Agenda item: Park Land Donation

Presenter: Derek Barry

Discussion:

Staff presented the Qunell Park land donation and the process in which it took place. This included identifying areas of town that were underserved and working with property owner to help fill that need. Staff explained this land donation happened quickly and that we will be discussing the process of developing that land in the coming months.

Agenda item: Cemetery Master Plan

Presenter: Derek Barry

Discussion:

Staff shared a brief history of the 1997 Cemetery Master Plan and what the 2021 Cemetery Master Plan is intending to do. The draft plan will be sent to Forestry & Parks Commissioners to review for discussion at the July 2021 meeting.

Agenda item: Parks Master Plans

Presenter: Derek Barry

Discussion:

Staff asked Commissioners to visit the Seibenthaler and Bennett property sites to get a vision for what the parks could and should be. The planning for these parks will include a lot of community and stakeholder outreach. As the planning becomes more active updates will be given at the meetings. Eventually 2-3 concepts will be narrowed down to a preferred concept for phasing and cost estimates.

Agenda item: Commissioner comments

Presenter: Derek Barry

Discussion:

Commissioners discussed a proposal to not allow smoking in parks. Staff will be presenting this to the CD Director, City Administrator and Mayor for further consideration.

Agenda item: Staff Comments

Presenter: Derek Barry

Discussion:

Staff gave a brief update on the public restrooms being back in the neighborhood parks. There are still logistical issues in getting the gates automated.