

**Skagit County
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
Minutes**

Thursday, September 20, 2007
Anacortes City Hall
6:30 p.m.

6:37pm

PRAB Members Present:

Kevin Loy
Lloyd Brown
Colleen Fisher
Jeri Krampetz
Peter Swanson
Liz McNett Crowl

SCPR Staff Present:

Brian Adams
Dennis Lind
Pauli Mickelson
Bob Vaux

Craig Scamelhorn's letter was distributed to the board. Craig represents the non-motorized motor cross bike interests (BMX) in Skagit County. He is interested in a course in the port area and is hopeful to get capital monies for the construction of a new facility. The facility they are currently using is not a permanent location. Bob is meeting with Port of Skagit County Executive Director, Patsy Martin, in October to talk further about the potential for this partnership.

May minutes were approved with a unanimous vote.

Approved the July minutes for posting

Dennis gave hand-outs showing the success of the summer programming. The weather was a factor with some of the outdoor programs and activities. For the most part, projections were met. Numbers were a little low at Clear Lake due to lower temperatures and greater than average rainfall. Brian talked about current projects.

Kevin was a part of a group that met with the Board of County Commissioners to push the REC to the next planning stage. There was support to move forward without the YMCA/pool component. The pool could be later phased in if the YMCA fails to find a location that they feel would better fit their needs. The Boys & Girls club is still involved with the discussions. Dennis handed out the recreational center conceptual drawing and explained the components of the plan. There is an upcoming meeting and one last opportunity to put the plan in front of the commissioners. The date for that meeting will be forthcoming. There are still some hurdles to cross. Fitting all of the components, including parking, wetland buffers, and retention ponds will be a challenge and is being worked on by the engineers and landscape architects.

We are still looking for a District 1 board member. Please let us know if there is anyone out there that any of you know that may be a good candidate for this position.

Ron Carlson's comments were handed out. There was time for the board members to read the comments. There was no discussion on the comments.

The new lights are up at Dream Field. Kevin Loy organized four games to be played under the lights. The games were a success. The lighting was good. The engineering firm has since done light tests and the lights passed inspection. We may have to spill some of the lights on to the Bull Pens to bring them up to code.

Board meeting attendance-goals

An attendance protocol was discussed. Ideas included:

- Schedule 2008 in a different district for each month. 6 evening, 4 morning, no August/December
- Try the new schedule for a year and re-evaluate in another year.
- Attendance goals=7 out of 10 meetings.
- Mandate a meeting goal of 70%.
- Nicole should make calls to determine who might call and remind those of location.
- Minutes should state: absent, present, and excused absence.
- Keep working on attendance.

A motion was made to have the meetings at Continental Place BoCC Hearing Room. The motion was made by Kevin and seconded by Colleen. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

The Starbucks involvement for 2008 is still up in the air. Chuck Mell is going to make contact to determine what their intention is.

There will be no October meeting

Move to adjourn: 8:16 pm.