

**CITY OF CONNELL
PARK BOARD MEETING
January 28, 2020**

Call to Order: 6:01 pm

Attendance:

Present: Co-Chair Lilly McBride, Board Members; Sarah Gallo and Betsy Aleman

Staff: City Clerk Marissa Ortiz

Absent: Chairman Manny Choi & Board member Julie Brown

Visitors: AHBL Planner; MillieAnne VanDevender, Connell resident; Burl Booker

Approval of Minutes:

Motion: Board member Aleman moved to approve January 7th, 2020 minutes as presented. Motion seconded by Board member Gallo. Motion passed unanimously.

ACTION & DISCUSSION ITEMS

2020 Park, Recreation, and Open Space (PROS) Plan

- **Review Draft PROS Plan:**

MillieAnne VanDevender, AHBL Planner summarized the purpose and results of the Connell PROS Plan. VanDevender indicated a few changes were made since the last time it was presented, once in agreement it would then be moved along to City Council for approval. The plan covered goals and objectives, inventory of existing recreational facilities, involvement of the public, assessment of community needs, and capital improvements. After the current plan was adopted, the City would be eligible to apply for grants from (RCO) under the requirement guidelines from the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO).

- **Questions:**

Co-Chair Lilly McBride addressed the Athletic Fields being listed as a community park however it was not opened to the public.

- **Public Involvement -Results of Survey:**

The public survey was launched on January 7, 2020 and available in paper form and online in both English and Spanish. It was opened & shared for two weeks on a few different social media websites. A total of 93 responded with 5 responding on paper. According to all who took the survey 37% who participated were 31-45 years of age. 65% said the number of Connell's Park facilities was about the right amount and very accessible. About 40% believed the City should focus more on upgrading and maintaining existing park facilities. 49% believed the City should focus less on acquiring more land to develop new parks. Over 65% responded they participated in aquatic activities when visiting park facilities. Public comment confirmed swim team and other pool activities were in demand.

- **Recommendations:**

On page 15 under section Park Locations and Served Population a correction was made, and number totals would be updated to include all School Fields.

On page 12 under Athletic Fields wording would be added to update and clarify the current agreement between the North Franklin School District and the City of Connell.

Under Open Space on page 22, it listed no designated open spaces in the City. A future assessment of those undeveloped parcels could result in designated open space.

Motion: Board Member Sarah Gallo moved to recommend the proposed Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Plan (PROS) to City Council for adoption. Motion seconded by Co-Chair Lilly McBride. Motion passed unanimously.

- **Public Comment:**

Burl Booker inquired about the upcoming 2020 pool season.

Next Meeting

Tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, February 25, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

Adjourned

Meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.