

**CITY OF CONNELL
PARK BOARD MEETING
March 29, 2016
Minutes**

Call to Order: 7:02 p.m.

Attendance:

Present: Chair Jaeniffer Kaiser, Board Members Helen Tobin, Manny Choi.

Staff: Jed Crowther.

Reporter: Katherine Bingham.

Motion: Board Member Tobin moved to excuse Vice Chair Dave Gribble and Board Member Carol Lindner. Motion seconded by Chair Kaiser. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion: Board Member Tobin moved to approve the October 27, 2015 minutes as written. Motion seconded by Board Member Choi. Motion passed unanimously.

ACTION & DISCUSSION

Parks & Recreation Director Staffing

Jed informed that City Council members had recently commented on possibly staffing Parks and Recreation Director Position for a limited summer program. He said that City Council would likely appreciate review and recommendation by Park Board.

Motion: Board Member Tobin moved to recommend that City Council hire a Parks & Recreation Director. Motion seconded by Chair Kaiser. Motion passed unanimously.

Summer Activities

Board Member Tobin said that Mid-Columbia Library structured an expanded summer reading program/events. She requested that Parks and Recreation staff coordinate activities/schedules to mesh with summer programs.

Jed asked Park Board to consider and prioritize programs to retain within the summer event schedule.

Board Member Tobin welcomed any program of interest to the community and families. She noted that "Cinema in the Park" was expensive and not as learning-oriented. She suggested: 1) To research other cities. 2) To consider the target audience; especially kids. 3) To provide educational activities, such as reduce/recycle.

Board Members discussed various summer events and activities, and pool funding mechanisms.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.