

**CITY OF CONNELL
PARK BOARD MEETING
March 13, 2018
Minutes**

Call to Order: 6:00 pm

Attendance:

Present: Chairman Manny Choi, Co-Chair Lilly McBride, Board Members; Betsy Aleman, Sarah Gallo, and Julie Brown.

Staff: Mayor Lee Barrow, City Administrator Maria Peña, Secretary Marissa Ortiz, Public Works Supervisor Ed Brown and Pool Manager Jason Jonasky.

Visitor: Kathy Bingham Trowbridge.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion: Board member Brown moved to approve the March 13th 2018 minutes as presented. Motion seconded by Board member Aleman. Motion passed unanimously.

ACTION & DISCUSSION ITEMS

Basketball Court

The Park Board heard an update on Hoops through life fundraiser. Donation support was at half way and \$7,000 was left to meet the goal. A few more donations were still pending. Banners would be created and ordered for all the donors to show appreciation. A ribbon cutting ceremony was planned for April 28th, 2018. Judy Booker planned to give away 40 basketballs during the celebration. City Administrator Maria Peña confirmed that Arbor Day Celebration was also planned for the same day.

Connell Welcome Center Project

City Administrator Maria Peña made known that the Council had approved for the purchase of the land for the future Welcome Center. It would be brought back at their following meeting. City Administrator Peña also stated that the Port of Pasco's actual allocated money was \$200,000 and not \$250,000 which was said at the last Park Board Meeting.

Swimming Pool Discussion

The Pool schedule was discussed and there were a few changes from last year. Pool Manager Jason Janosky stated some of the lifeguards from last pool season were interested in lifeguarding again. The tentative pool schedule would be Monday thru Saturday with afternoon open swim from 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm, swim lessons from 4:00 pm – 5:30 pm, evening open swim from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm and closed Sunday rentals. Swimming lesson instructors would need to be WSI certified. Family passes were not available last pool season but could be brought back again this season. Board member Gallo pointed out that swimming lessons could be held the last hour of the day versus the evening open swim.

Parks & Recreation Comprehensive Plan update

The Comp Plan was attached for all board members to review. City Administrator Maria Peña stated the Comp Plan for the Park & Recreation was last updated in 2011. It would need to be discussed and updated. Completed projects needed to be reviewed with the Public Works Department. Then it could be decided what Capital Improvements to add along with the estimated cost. Park Board members could make recommendations.

Other

Public Works Supervisor Ed Brown reported he tried to contact the person in charge of the Little League Committee to address the field maintenance, but was unable to get ahold of anyone. He also stated new Volleyball nets were installed at Striker Park but there seemed to be no use at all. He thought to remove a net and place at a different park, it could get more use.

Next Meeting

Tentative

Adjourned

Meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.