

CITY OF MEDINA
Park Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 18th, 2016

Medina City Hall | Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Blazey called the April 18th, 2016 Medina Park Board meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Drew Blazey, Sarah Gray, Penny Martin, Collette McMullen, Andrea Perry,
Karen Sparks,

Gabriele Dickmann arrived 5.24 pm

Staff Present: Michael Sauerwein, City Manager; Ryan Osada, Director of Public Works;
Pat Crickmore, Public Works Supervisor; Sunita Hall, Deputy City Clerk.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Blazey gave a short brief of upcoming meetings and events. It was noted that the Arbor Day tree planting event would take place on Friday, April 29th at 10 am, close to the east of the middle bridge at Medina Park. Board member Perry stated that she would make inquiries at Medina Elementary for a class to attend the event.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the March 21st, 2016 Park Board Meeting Minutes MOVED by McMullen and seconded by Gray. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Blazey welcomed and thanked Mayor Morcos for attending the meeting. Mayor Morcos updated the Board on recent noise complaints coming from the newly opened 520 Bridge. He explained that the City Manager and Development Director were working with WSDOT.

There were no other public comments.

NEW BUSINESS

Fairweather Park – Dog Rules

Chair Blazey provided background on the rules regarding the two dog limit at Medina Park. The Chair invited views from Board members on whether there should be a similar restriction at Fairweather Park. The Chair also stated that there was a general rule on owners to clean up dog mess. A brief discussion ensued.

Motion to add to the Code to allow two dogs maximum at Fairweather Park to be consistent with Medina Park MOVED McMullen and seconded by Gray.

After a further discussion an amendment to the original motion was discussed.

Motion to amend original motion to allow up to three dogs at Fairweather Park MOVED McMullen and seconded by Gray. The motion carried unanimously.

Chair Blazey explained that the recommendation from the Park Board would be put forward to the City Council.

Post Office fence around dump site

Chair Blazey stated that although the Park Board was not involved in the landscaping of the post office park, there was an issue with the unsightliness of the green fence around the dumpster. City Manager Sauerwein updated the Board on the current plans to make the area look nicer, including removing the fence and placing a bench and tables there.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. Easter egg hunt

Chair Blazey thanked Board member Gray on the Easter egg hunt event. Board member Gray was given a round of applause from the room. Chair Blazey asked members to turn to the current task sheet with a view to updating where necessary. The following amendments and comments were suggested:

- Park Board meet at 10 am on Friday (before the Easter egg hunt) and finish before noon
- Bring donations to the City Hall at 9.00 am rather than 3.00 pm
- Best deal on Easter egg shells is Oriental Trading
- Meet at 8.30 am on Saturday the day of the Easter egg hunt
- Additional signage required to designate the starting point
- Use discretion on number of candies placed inside eggs
- Keeping a count of eggs is not necessary
- Remove the golden egg
- Continue with the recycling system
- The bullhorn and siren worked well
- Stronger bags (or boxes) are required next year to transport the eggs
- Keep grass long (to hide eggs)
- Caution dog owners – to keep dogs away from the eggs or stay clear of the hunt until finished
- Candy station for latecomers was useful

2. Park Project Updates

Public Works Director Osada updated the Board on the following projects:

- Bocce Ball - Osada reported that the contract had been sent to the contractor. The installation was expected to be carried out in June.
- Explorer Dome – Osada reported that this was on track to arrive on May 2nd. Osada showed plans of the layout including the replacement seesaw. City Manager, Sauerwein stated that the request to look at the whole of the refurbishment would go back to Council on May 9th.
- Fountains and Aerators – the new fountain for the North Pond had been collected and it was in the process of being put together. A brief discussion took place on some of the feedback given on the local Facebook page concerning the size of the arc. Osada stated that it would not be as big as the picture that had originally been circulated. City Manager Sauerwein stated that any questions or feedback were welcome.
- Medina Parking Lot

Osada outlined the number of spaces allocated for the Medina Parking lot in the new plans.

Walkable Medina

City Manager Sauerwein updated the Board on the Walkable Medina project explaining that it was a way of connecting parks and amenities right up to the Lid. The first stage of the work would involve the consultant to work with the community from which conceptual drawings would be developed.

Administrative Items

Chair Blazey requested that Board member Gray submit receipts for any expenses incurred for the Easter egg hunt. Chair Blazey updated the Board that the position currently filled by Board member Perry was until June 2016 and would need to be reapplied for. The Chair stated also that the minutes from the Park Board would be circulated 5-10 days after the meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

PARK REPORTS

Viewpoint – Board member Gray reported that it looks good and some concerns about the ivy on the dock. Chair Blazey stated that it looked a lot better as the trees had been trimmed and the stump had also been removed. Board member Sparks stated that there was graffiti on the back of the post near bench. Sparks inquired on the possibility of having rocks in the water as it might aid dogs, or walkers.

Lake Lane – Board member Martin stated that it looks great – requires some pruning. The dock and chair looks great. While it is not possible to drive down there, people still visit there. Can also bring a boat in.

Indian Trail – this looks good. The second part of the trail past 24th – needs pruning. Public Works Supervisor Crickmore stating that currently his team were handing out flyers to nearby property owners. It was noted that the Trail was looking good compared to earlier in the year.

Fairweather Park – Board member McMullen stated that it is very nice and well used. She also reported that there was an abandoned orange sports net in the wooded area next to Evergreen Point Road.

Medina Beach Park – no reports

Medina Park – Board member Perry stated that it looks good. Board member Sparks stated that she had been made aware of incidents involving aggressive dog behavior in the park. She wondered if the Park Board had experienced or known of any similar incidents. A discussion ensued on appropriate dog and owner behavior. Some discussion focused on the on and off leash rules for dogs at the park.

Chair Blazey suggested that the issue of dog control and aggressive behavior be monitored. Board member Martin suggested putting up a set of rules on acceptable park behavior and conduct.

NEXT MEETING DATE:


Monday, May 16th, 2016; 5:00 p.m.

Chair Blazey stated that Vice Chair McMullen would be chairing the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn. MOVED by Martin and seconded by Perry. The motion carried unanimously.

Minutes taken by:



Sunita Hall,
Deputy City Clerk