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SPECIAL PARKS & RECREATION AND HARBOR COMMISSION
July 1, 2020
ZOOM VIRTUAL MEETING (see login information below)
5:30PM

I. Approval of Agenda

II. Public Forum: (Time Certain 6:00PM)

III. Action Item: (10 min.) Vendor Trucks in City Parks, Cindi Wight, Director, BPRW (verbal)

IV. Commissioner's Items

V. Adjournment

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PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
Minutes
July 1, 2020

Commission Present: Barlow, Farrell, Todd, Traverse and Hurley

Staff Present: Wight and Allen

The meeting was convened at 5:35 p.m. by Traverse

Vendors in Parks
Wight and Allen explained to the Parks Commissioners the details around the Grazin' on the Greenway summer program. With the cancellation of Beach Bites and other summer events that bring our community together Allen considered ideas for how to make similar events happen but fit into the COVID-19 restrictions. The idea was to bring the community together but in smaller numbers over a longer period of time.

Vendors will be at Oakledge, Waterfront Park and Leddy Park Thursday through Sunday from 11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. A vendor will be at Water Works Park from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 Monday through Friday. In addition, Allen is working on vendors at neighborhood parks from 5:30 – 8:00 p.m. on Wednesdays.

Commissioners had suggestions for food trucks, contacts for Allen and noted interest in ensuring there is one in the Old North End along with the south and north of Burlington. Todd expressed concern about the cost of the meal and availability to all. Allen noted she is working on one at Roosevelt and Wight indicated that it is a good site with the free dinner at Roosevelt for kids provided by the Burlington Schools and run by our BPRW staff.

Farrell made a motion to approve vendors in City Parks through the end of September, Todd seconded and the motion carried. Wight and Allen will provide a report in September or October on the program and recommendations for future use of vendors in Parks.

Public Forum (Time Certain 6:00PM)
Public forum opened at 6:01 p.m. by Traverse.
Seeing nobody from the public the forum was closed.
Public forum closed at 6:02 p.m.

Commissioner's Items
Todd requested the City send out an update on the Greenway making sure to specifically address the Barge Canal section. Wight noted that one is in the works and will likely be out on Thursday.

Adjournment
Motion to adjourn at 6:05 p.m. by Barlow, second by Todd, motion carried.

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SUMMARY OF OPPORTUNITIES

Monthly Parks Commission update – July, 2020

What are the top issues on your mind?

- Bike Path - projects out to bid and realignment
- FY21 budget and constraints

Department accomplishments and notable staffing developments since the last report?

- We are hiring two seasonal parks staff utilizing summer camp grant money starting in July. Staff will ensure all parks that our camps use are well maintained.
- Additional waterfront seasonal staff hired to increase security at night and provide support for transient boater operations
- The Facilities team fabricated hand sanitizer stations due to the continued back order of the ones we requested for a fraction of the cost.

COVID-19

- All park amenities are now able to open. We are working on signage for fitness stations and playgrounds and then will reopen them.
- Our campground re-opened as a sanctioned homeless site with 24/7 staffing provided by ANEW Place. The access to the beach remains open. As of this writing, the campground is still undecided by the Mayor's office if it will re-open partially to the public. The staff position is that mixing a family campground and a sanctioned homeless site is not recommended.
- Staff are now all working full hours on-site unless able to do work remotely.
- Parking fees started on June 15th. BPD Parking Enforcement staff are assisting with Pease and Oakledge this year.
- Staff meetings have reverted to pre-COVID timelines due to summer schedules.

Major upcoming events: http://enjoyburlington.com/events/

- July 3 will be all about making noise at 7:30 p.m.; sharing what you are doing on 7/3 and 7/4 this year with #btvjuly3; and watching the 2019 fireworks at 7:30 or 10:30 on 22/44. We did tone down our original plans based on the current racial crisis. In the following video I talk about Independence Day through my experiences and then looking forward. https://youtu.be/cV0W6Oq1a5I

- Staff are finalizing plans for a “Grazing on the Greenway” all summer food truck placement at City Parks. This program replaces Leddy Beach Bites and provides support to micro businesses. A special Commission meeting is scheduled for 7/1 to approve the locations.

New Project updates

- Leddy Tennis Courts will start mid-August and finish in October.
- The AARP Fitlot at Miller is set to be completed this week. It is quite spectacular! The picture attached was taken prior to the surfacing material which will go down over the next few days.
- The fence replacement for Starr Farm Dog Park has been awarded and we are working on a start date.
- The roof at 311 North Ave will get replaced this summer.
- Schmanska Barn renovations have all funding in place (park impact fees) and prices secured. The project will begin this summer.

- Bike Path construction is progressing smoothly. Perkins Pier is finished and Perkins Pier to Roundhouse Point will be completed by early July. The area will remain closed for several weeks to allow plants and grass to establish. Due to early low waters work on the Barge Canal has started to include re-building the road to the site across the Barge Canal entrance. Two sections will go out to bid ASAP (southern end of Barge Canal to Harrison and north end of Oakledge to Flynn). The work on those two sections is anticipating to start late summer. The picture attached is what we refer to as the “monolith”
- The cottage at North Beach is under construction to fix a major foundation/wall issue. The project will include building an accessible ramp.
- The small campground restroom will have the floor replaced this summer. The bid has been awarded.
- Final campground projects – removal of the barn, replacement of the laundry building, and building a new pump out station will either start this summer or this fall depending on the final decision on the Mayor’s office related to the campground and public use.

Recreation update

- Summer camps are in full swing and they are full! Almost every camp, if not every camp, is full with a waiting list. It was a lot of work to get them off the ground but the sign-ups confirmed the parents were ready for them.
- The Recreation team is working on the fall/winter brochure with many unknowns. We are using the current guidance from the state for direction and will be as nimble as possible if we end up with a second wave.