

Parks and Recreation Board Meeting Minutes
City of Mount Vernon
January 12, 2021

The Mount Vernon Parks and Recreation Board met on January 12, 2021, at 5:00 p.m. via Zoom virtual meeting with the following members present: Catherine Poduska, Loren Hoffman, and Rory Wiebel. Not Present Roman Meyers. The board currently has one vacancy. Also in attendance: Parks and Recreation Director, Matt Siders.

Approval of the Agenda. Motion made by Hoffman to approve agenda. Seconded by Wiebel. Carried all.

Approval of the Minutes of December 8, 2020. Motion made by Hoffman to approve minutes. Seconded by Wiebel. Carried all.

Directors Report.

Siders reported about numbers at the LBC as high as 215 a day and boys' basketball starting with all mask standards remaining in place. Group Exercise classes will resume on January 18th at the LBC with masks being worn by instructors and patrons while exercising. Social distancing will be expected, limit on number participating, and staff will set up and breakdown each class with sanitation procedures in place. Park and Rec youth wrestling will not take place this year due to COVID concerns with young wrestlers.

Discussion regarding recruiting Park and Board members. Decision to invite Bob Campagna to serve on the board with Council's approval.

Discussion regarding City of Mount Vernon Trails Master Plan. The Board discussed the current plan and recognized it needs an update. With a couple new trails and new connection the Trails Plan could use another look. The Underhill Skate Park connection to Third Street NE was discussed as the next trail to recommend to Council for FY2021. The Board discussed the trail planned along 1st Street E /Cemetery that leads to Highway 30 intersection. The Board would like to investigate a trail running from that intersection and through Nature Park instead as a connection.

Subcommittee reports (Parks, Capital, Pool, Programming, and Volunteer). None reported.

Old Business. None.

New Business. None

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m., January 12, 2021

Respectfully submitted
Matt Siders, Director MV Parks and Rec