

Parks and Recreation Board Meeting Minutes  
City of Mount Vernon  
February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021

The Mount Vernon Parks and Recreation Board met on February 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. via Zoom virtual meeting with the following members present: Catherine Poduska, Loren Hoffman, Bob Campagna, and Rory Wiebel. 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 January 12<sup>th</sup> meeting.** Motion made by Hoffman to approve agenda. Seconded by Wiebel. Carried all.

**Directors Report.**

Siders reported about numbers at the LBC as high as 190 a day for Jan 2021. Hosting boys basketball tournament Feb 14<sup>th</sup> will report status of how things went at next meeting.

**Introduction of new Park and Rec Board Member, Bob Campagna**

Bob introduced himself and was assigned to the Programming Subcommittee for Parks and Rec Board.

**Discussion regarding City of Mount Vernon Trails Committee**

The Board discussed the makeup of the next committee. It was decided that Siders would attempt to identify who was on the committee 10 years ago and see if they still wanted to participate. If they can not be identified or willing the next step would be to find others that may be interested that would form a diverse committee with many different demographics.

**Discussion regarding City of Mount Vernon Trails Committee**

The Board discussed at length the trail planned along 1<sup>st</sup> Street E /Cemetery that leads to Highway 30 intersection. There were several suggestions regarding connecting the Oak Ridge neighborhood to the existing trail system. The Board would like to investigate a trail running from that intersection and through Nature Park instead as a connection. There were two options presented. Both will continue to be discussed at the next meeting. There was discussion regarding a controlled intersection along the Highway in order to complete the connectivity and safety.

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

**Old Business.** None.

**New Business.** None

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m., January 12, 2021

Respectfully submitted  
Matt Siders, Director MV Parks and Rec