

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

The Mount Vernon Parks and Recreation Board met on March 9, 2021, at 5:30 p.m. via Zoom virtual meeting with the following members present: Catherine Poduska, Loren Hoffman, and Julia Andrews, Rory Wiebel, Bob Campagna. Also in attendance: Parks and Recreation Director, Matt Siders, Machele Pelkey MV resident, and Marie DeVries MV resident /MVAAC.

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

**Approval of the Minutes up to Feb 9, 2021.** Motion made by Hoffman to approve agenda. Seconded by Wiebel. Carried all.

**Open Forum.** MV resident Machele Pelkey asked if the asphalt trail that leads into Nature Park would be repaired in the future. Siders said he would check with Public Works.

**Directors Report.** Preparation for parks has started. Spring soccer registration has started. Park and Rec soccer will follow same COVID guidelines as fall sports. The MV Pool will open this summer. Swim lesson sign up dates were shared. The youth basketball tournament held on Feb 14 at the LBC was a success,

**Introduction of Julia Andrews, new Park and Rec Board member.** Julia was introduced to the Board members and shared a little bit about herself.

**Discussion regarding City of Mount Vernon Trails Committee.** The Board will be looking for volunteers to be a part of the committee. Focus will be on selecting various demographics and user types. Recommendations for committee members will be brought to Siders.

**Discussion regarding Mount Vernon Trails Update.** The last updated was created 10 years ago. The Board has decided it is time for an update. Two conceptual trails for Nature Park were passed on to V&K engineering for analysis and cost estimates.

**Discussion regarding Mount Vernon Area Arts Council (MVAAC) concept of chainsaw art along city trails.** Marie DeVries brought forward idea of chainsaw art being placed along trail / parks. Possibility of grants to fund the idea was discussed. Board gave approval for Marie and MVAAC to pursue and bring concept back to Board.

**Discussion regarding Pump Bike Park /Track.** The concept of a Bike Pump Track was presented to the Board via Sarah Boots and Rory Wiebel. The next steps would be to continue talking about what it would look like and where it would be placed.

**Subcommittee reports (Parks, Capital, Pool, Programming, and Volunteer).** -No subcommittee reports, Cathy /Parks, Rory /Capital, Loren/Volunteers, Julia/Parks, Bob/Programming

**Old Business.** Eagle Scout project Luke Stephens created a portable 9 hole mini golf course

**New Business. None**

Meeting adjourned at 6:56 p.m., March 9, 2021

Respectfully submitted  
Matt Siders, Director MV Parks and Rec