

Parks and Recreation Board Meeting Minutes
April 9, 2024

The Mount Vernon Parks and Recreation Board met on April 9, 2024 at 6:32p.m. at LBC the following members present: Bob Campagna, Emily Reddish, Michael Joseph. Also in attendance P&R Director of Parks and Recreation, Matt Siders and guests Marie Devries and Marla Wright.

1. Approval of the Agenda. Motion made by Joseph to approve agenda with change. Seconded by Reddish. Carried all.

2. Approval of the Minutes of February 13, 2024 meeting. Motion made by Joseph to approve agenda. Seconded by Reddish. Carried all.

3. Open Forum - Marie Devries appeared before the Board to share with them that the MV Foundation has made a pledge to the Sculpture Trail of establishing a maintenance fund to cover costs for the Sculpture Trail. More details in the next few months.

4. Directors Report - Siders read his report.

5. Update on Monarch /Pollinator in Park. This item was tabled due to Graham Carl not being present.

6. Discussion regarding search for new member for Park and Rec Board.. The search is essentially over as Marla Wright will be our next Board member

7. Discussion regarding subcommittees for Park and Rec Board. This item was discussed briefly that every time a new Board member joins reshuffling of the subcommittees is discussed. The Board wanted to wait until all Board members were present to continue discussion.

8. Discussion regarding creation of a volunteer group for Nature Park. Siders updated the Board that the City would require a waiver to be signed if the City was to organize a group like this.

9. Discussion regarding Logo creation. Campagna presented logo creation from Liv at Cause Team. The Board gave feedback and Campagna will share with Liv.

10. Discussion regarding Local Option Sale Tax (LOST). Siders shared with the Board a discovery that the current LOST not only covers Trails, but it also includes parks. Spending this money can not be looked at differently. It was recommended that the Board prioritize a new list of capital items as this is a game changer in funds available for parks projects.

11. Discussion regarding Master Parks Plan. No changes currently. Photos was discussed.

12. Subcommittee reports

New Board Member-Parks / Graham -Capital /Campagna – Pool / Reddish – Programming / Joseph – Trails

-Marketing Plan subcommittee report reported that the group was researching ways to promote Park and Rec programs and brand. Still need some research.

13. Old Business - -Siders reported that the window shading at LBC was better, but not perfect.

14. New Business

12. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 8:08pm, March 12, 2024

Respectfully submitted - Matt Siders, Director MV Parks and Rec