

City of McCleary
Planning Commission Meeting
September 18, 2007

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by Chair Evert Challstedt. Members present: Ben Ator, Jeff Catterlin, and Nancy Koeppen. Staff: Busse Nutley, City Administrator, and Todd Baun, Public Facilities Manager.

The minutes from the June 13 meeting were approved as received.

Ms. Nutley related that the Mayor intended to propose a change in the Commission's duties by having the Commission also serve as the Parks Board. Members told her they supported the idea.

At the previous meeting it was suggested that the Commission propose names to the Council for the new small park behind the Community Center. Jeff Catterlin nominated the name George Sherwood.

The main item of business was to review goals and objectives in the existing Park and Recreation Plan to see if they were still appropriate for the update. The members believe that with a few modifications, these goals and objectives are still relevant for the current status of parks and recreation within McCleary.

The following are the suggested changes and additions:

1. All goals are still appropriate.
2. The existing tennis court should be repaired and the locked gate should be removed – it sends the wrong message. If the skateboard area (current use of the tennis court) is not safe to use, then it should be either upgraded or removed. Todd Baun indicated that the City had recently applied for a grant to improve youth athletic fields, and that one possible use of the court is for basketball.
3. Recreation Site Goal:
 - Add a strategy for developer-funding – a percentage of land or money earmarked for park and/or recreational development
 - Consult with the Parks/Planning Commission in the ordinance development
 - Add trails to Strategy 2
 - City should not vacate or abandon any rights-of-way (in favor of adjacent owners)
4. Recreation Facilities Goal:
 - Strategy 5 – Add donations, money and labor
5. Recreation Maintenance Goal:
 - Strategy 1 – include “seeking grants”

- Add a strategy to keep maintenance costs to a minimum
6. Recreation Program Goal:
- Add “interests” so it is not only just about age groups
 - Strategy 2 – delete “growth”, insert “health and well-being”

The next meeting is scheduled for September 18, 2007 at 5:30 pm in the Council Chambers. The Commission will review and critique Chapter 7: Plan Implementation, pages 43-46.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 pm