

**City of Chelan
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
February 19, 2015**

City Hall Council Chambers

6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER: Ryan Robinson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLLCALL: Chairman Robinson took roll call.

Board Members Present: Chairman Ryan Robinson, Bill Crego, and Terri Emery

Board Members Not Present: Larry Bradley and Gary Searle

Council Liaison: Erin McCardle –present

Staff Present: Director Charles Sablan

CITIZEN COMMENTS: None Present

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

It was seconded and approved to table the minutes of the January 13th minutes until everyone had a chance to read them.

Agenda Items:

OLD BUSINESS:

Comprehensive Plan Update: Beckwith discussed the survey and the method of getting opinions, the existing level of service and what that's worth, the proposed level of service which is the 6 and 20 year financing program, what the final document will do. This survey is project and finance specific. The graphics have now been included in the survey. The voters will be given two options. They can either go on line or they can contact the parks department to request a survey be mailed to them. Based on experience 40% may want to do complete the survey by mail. Beckwith asked the board to review the survey. Beckwith suggested the postcard that will be mailed to all voters but would like to change the draft to something more appealing with the city logo and the text should state that you can complete the survey on line or call the parks department to have one mailed. Also, you are eligible for the \$250 if you participate. McCardle suggested if Beckwith was open to the idea, of having the Chamber of Commerce designer create the postcard. Beckwith will clean up the text as it needs to stand out and be enticing. Included on the postcard will be information on how to receive a version in Spanish. Beckwith went over the questions. Question 1. How often do members use the following park & recreation facilities? No change was made. Question 2. How would you rate the quantity and quality? No change was made. Question 3. By 2025 your population is expected to increase, will that be enough? No change was made. The key issue in Question 4 is coordinating public lands so this is basically public awareness. Question 5 should be modified to maximize the critical areas and where possible acquire. Question 6 the water trail was provided by the forest service will say for launch and overnight campsites for these types of boats. Question 7 the back country hiking, biking, etc. map was horse only which was swapped for hiking which also includes more extensive forest service trails. Question 8 multipurpose trails are all the key sites. Question 9 on

road bicycle routes mirrors what is in the non-motorized transportation plan for bike routes. Question 11 is neighborhood parks in which the objective is to have neighborhood parks within walking distance. The north shore has a shortage of these parks which should be acquired or provided by developers. This is a policy statement. The next is the reconfiguration of the marina parking lot. McCardle stated this would be a great opportunity to see what the interest level is in having an ice skating rink that could be placed in the area of the go-cart track. This area could be used for skating in the winter but also maintain the area for go-carts in the summer. Beckwith stated the parking lot could also be considered for a rink. The next one is the RV campsite. The next is the community center addition to the back of the gym with a future option for a pool, if and when feasible. The concessions are ok. The special events remain the same. Question 17 is the value per person and as you add more population how will you deal with maintain at the same level. You either lower standards or collect impact fees. This should state collect impact fees or developer dedication so it doesn't look like fee is the only thing. Question 18 states that impact fees cannot be used for everything and to make up the balance you will have to do a bond, a levy, or reset the property tax lid. Question 19, if so how much would you be willing to pay? Questions 20, 21, and 22 will be moved to the very first of the survey as they ask what age group you think should be provided, what particular programs your household members use, and we will can partner directly off your website and is that a good idea. The last one is if we don't have enough money for the program should we reduce them, reduce the content, or increase the fees or increase the property tax. Beckwith will make the changes and this will be presented to council at the retreat. The existing level of service is very important this is the current inventory and estimated what it is worth in today's market replacement terms. The current assets are about \$7,000 per house and per person is about \$2,881. These numbers will go up with the completion of all the city assets. The current net worth of the park system is \$16 million. The proposed level of service shows the costs and who is going to pay for these services.

Indoor Volleyball Proposal: Desiree Phelps spoke to the board about improving and adding to the current outdoor city volleyball courts. This last December she started an indoor club in Chelan. Her vision and goal would be to add sand and grass courts as she would like to see a growth in volleyball in this area of the state. Currently there are no outdoor volleyball programs for youth between Seattle and Spokane. This program will run from May through June. The challenges are courts and venues. They have received a \$5,000 grant from the National USA Volleyball Association which is the money she would like to use to create some kind of outdoor facility for them to move forward for with premiere volleyball in Lake Chelan. Tournament standards were discussed and the courts in the city parks were discussed. The sand that is on the courts is concrete sand which is not volleyball standard and would need to be replaced with the type of sand that allows for the impact of volleyball for your feet to be in and under and knees and elbows to go through the sand. She has taken measurements and done research to what it would take to meet standards. She is not sure where the city is on budget or the desire to create a venue like this. The reality is in the volleyball world to have a true tournament venue it would take four courts which in her opinion would be a couple year process to improve the two current courts and to add two more courts. If Chelan had four outdoor quality volleyball courts they would be full every weekend with tournaments. This venue offers exactly what volleyball people look for and she would love to see this happen not just for the revenue but for the recreational opportunities for the youth. The age range is between 8 to 18 years and currently Desiree has a program that includes youth from Wenatchee, the Methow area, and the Chelan valley that practice in the high school gym a couple of nights per week. The cost to replace the sand on the two courts would be approximately \$15,000. Maintenance on the courts would require additional sand be added every 2 to 3 years. Phelps see an opportunity to not only generate additional

revenue but to increase and extend recreational activities as volleyball will run through October. Sablan stated he felt this was a good idea as we are always looking at ways to program our parks, to keep people active and move people into our parks. Also, this is a nontraditional park type activity. Sablan stated the first step would be to have Wade analyze the volleyball court, stake it out and do an analysis of the sand to get the best prices. Sablan would have to look at the feasibility to make sure the court is in shape and safe for tournament play. It is a possibility to move forward with this but cost wise we do not have the money for the sand in our budget. However, if we do save money on the sand for the beach in the operations budget, then there would be money available there to use for sand for the volleyball courts. McCardle stated the next step would be for an analysis to be done on the cost. Sablan stated he is not sure if there is enough room to put in two additional courts. The possibility of using the courts at Lakeside Park as discussed but Sablan would not recommend using those and if anything he would remove the one at Lakeside as it is a 1,000 square feet that people can use to just sit. Plus there is the problem of parking. Sablan stated there really has been no problem with cats using the courts but the geese would be another issue. Sablan stated the volleyball courts would be discussed at the next park board meeting to include costs. Beckwith stated if you are running short of space at Don Morse Park and had to choose between tennis and volleyball he suggested the choice be volleyball as it is cheaper, involves more people and is easier to maintain. Beckwith went over the order of the presentation for the retreat on Saturday which is a briefing on the progress to date.

NON AGENDA ITEMS & STAFF REPORTS:

Staff Reports:

Director Sablan:

- Discussed the Memorial weekend letter which is allowing tent camping at the tent sites. The person making the reservation must be at least 24 years of age and must be the one checking into the site and is responsible for those registered at the site.
- Discussed the condition of the park office. There was mold found but no asbestos. Two firms came to assess the feasibility of repairing and abating the mold. The companies were Turner and the other was Franz & Company. They indicated to Charles that they were required to follow industrial hygienist protocol for the mold abatement. One estimate came back at \$41,000 and their recommendation was that it would be throwing good money after bad and they indicated that 75% of the building is pretty bad. They also said that psychologically that even if you follow the industrial hygienist protocol there is still the psychology of having that mold and someone being affected by it, i.e., Jane. She is severely allergic to mold and even if you say it is clean there is the lingering affect that it is the same building. Sablan stated his main priority is to bring in a temporary building for peak season. Currently they are running into issues with the planning department as any building over 90 days needs to have a foundation and Sablan is trying to work with planning to see what can be done. Also, it will cost approximately \$12,000 to get the building on site with electricity, plumbing and IT and the goal is to have it in place by April 15th. The board discussed different possible locations.

Staff Reports: None

- **Wade Simmons**-not present
- **Jane Farris**-not present

Board Member Comments: None

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Next meeting date will be March 19, 2015.

Submitted by,

Jane Farris

Recreation & Facilities Supervisor