

Park Board Notes for March 2, 2010

Members present were Robert, Jim, Candy, Bill, Bruce, and Lanae. Also present were Joy representing City Council, Keith representing City Hall, Joe, Kathy, Norma and Judy representing the Tree Board. Candy started a tape recorder to record the meeting at 6:30 p.m. Robert said this was their first meeting of the year so they had no agenda and the minutes from their last meeting were just given to members, so approving them was put off until the next meeting. He then turned the meeting over to Susan who asked them if they had set their yearly goals for approval by City Council (all Boards need to do this). As they had not done that Susan said that the "City of Entiat Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Plan" she was handing out to them should help them set their goals for the next few years. This document was adopted September, 2009 by the City of Entiat.

After a brief overview of the document she directed all to page 13 and the list of Park Goals and Objectives. We looked over the following goals:

G-1 is all about working with the PUD. Robert said their work depends entirely on the PUD schedule (and FEREC). Keith said it was possible that approval might come in 4 to 8 months (better than last estimate). Joe said they had given the PUD a possible tree list, with ideas but that all will depend on the actual physical layout (so trees on hold).

G-2 is about the Entiaqua trail and outdoor learning center. Again much depends on the PUD and the physical layout of the trail. Keith and Judy both asked that the school become involved in any planning. Judy explained that the Tree Board is interested in developing a "Nature Explore Classroom" through the Arbor Day Foundation as part of the outdoor learning center. As the trail is firmed up Bob will get information to the Boards (Width of trail "widely" discussed).

G-3 is about the waterfront trail. Robert said that Hwy97A is a huge roadblock as crossing it is dangerous and a liability (& an under/overpass is in the far future). Jim said he couldn't see how the upper loop could be completed so, it was decided to first develop a lower loop. City Hall will provide maps etc for the Park Board members to refer to. Susan explained that if two walking trail loops could be developed it would be a big plus if writing a grant for an under/over pass on the highway.

G-4 is about developing green spaces and shelters in the waterfront district (in the future). At this time Susan is writing a general grant to cover all parts of the waterfront development (not specific to just one element). An afterthought by Kathy and Judy is that a list of small city owned spaces with their boundaries needs to be developed (some areas were mentioned by Keith, but not all understood where they were).

G-5 is about the development of the former gravel pit. It has been dedicated for Ball fields, but depending on its dimensions (to be provided to Bruce from City Hall and the school guidelines for fields) might perhaps have other uses (community input needed). The questions of parking

and a restroom with legal requirements for them was also raised (Susan thought she might find those answers as she works through layers of information). Questions on filling the gravel pit – foundry filler, rock from DOT HWY 97A blasting, aluminum effect on lawn and plantings? The Tree Board stated that placement of trees will depend on the physical layout.

G-6 is about a community garden. Lenae has worked with the school and the Chamber on a kid's garden in the past. The garden site is in the process of being changed (land sold), but the idea still should be developed.

G-7 is about new Parks/playgrounds. Susan had the Tree Board explain the history of the pocket park area at the bottom of Town Hill. If the Community Foundation Grant for picnic tables is granted, the Park Board will give advice on the type they would recommend (basing their decision on what the PUD uses – and future city park standards). Questions were asked of Susan about private green spaces as the community develops.

G-8 through G-10 weren't discussed as being too far in the future for immediate planning.

The meeting was adjourned about 8:00 p.m.