

**City of Rainier
Parks, Recreation and Education Committee Meeting
October 21, 2024
6 p.m.
Rainier City Hall**

Chair Paul Langner called the meeting to order at 6 p.m.

Committee Members Present: Kristi Cole, Terry Deaton, Randall Johnstun, Sharon Jump, Gary Rice and Rosemary Scandale

Committee Members Absent: Tiffany Hatley and Tess Pote

City Staff Present: W. Scott Jorgensen, City Administrator; Russ Reigel, Public Works Director

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Visitor Comments: There were no visitor comments at this time.

Consider Approval of the Consent Agenda

Consider Approval of the February 27, 2023 Parks, Recreation and Education Committee Meeting Minutes—Randall Johnstun moved to approve the minutes. That motion was seconded by Rosemary Scandale and adopted unanimously.

New Business

a. Potential Park Improvements—City Administrator W. Scott Jorgensen said that the City has around \$100,000 remaining in its park improvement fund. He and Public Works Director Russ Reigel have been looking at different projects and wanted the committee members to weigh in and prioritize them. The park needs more bark chips around the playground equipment. That should cost around \$10,000 and can be done in the spring. The sprinkler system also needs to be fixed. That should cost around \$10,000. Reigel said he would like to get that done in late winter or early spring. Public works would like to add some topsoil to the portions of the park that are sandy. Costs for that have yet to be determined. There was a discussion about having a dog park at the city owned property under the C Street Bridge. Reigel said the City will probably want to have cameras for security and make water available. Gary Rice said park rules would need to be in place and the project would require fencing. Jorgensen said the property is around six acres but the City doesn't own the entire area. Staff can gather more information and bring it back for a subsequent meeting. There was a discussion about improvements to the skate park. Shane Bell said the metal structures are slippery and the asphalt is cracking. But it has a good shape and square footage and has a lot of potential. Jorgensen said he had been contacted by a company that makes skate park parts. They sent him some material that was included in the meeting packet. Bell said concrete structures would be better and be a more sound investment. There is grant funding available to help pay for it and such a structure would be less maintenance and safer. He estimates that the cost would be around \$120,000. Committee members indicated a preference for having it covered. That could be done as a second phase. Jorgensen said another potential improvement would be self-

serve kayak kiosks. Rice said he likes the concept and it could be an investment. There were concerns about the location and the dangerous nature of the portion of the Columbia River going through town. Jorgensen asked committee members about having a community garden at the City's water treatment plant property. Rice said it would need fencing to keep deer out. Langner pointed out that HOPE of Rainier also has a community garden. Jorgensen said it may be possible to do a very simple splash pad. Committee members agreed by consensus to have staff put together more information.

b. Potential Park Events—Jorgensen asked committee members if they would like to see the summer concert series return. They agreed by consensus. He asked if there are any other events members would like to see. Terry Deaton suggested a movie night. There was a discussion about having a farmer's market. But committee members said they have never generated enough interest to be sustainable. Jorgensen asked if members would like the organizer of the concert series to attend the next meeting to discuss ideas. They agreed by consensus.

Langner adjourned the meeting at 6:54p.m.

Paul Langner, Chair

W. Scott Jorgensen, City Administrator

Park Improvements

November 2024

Project	Estimated Cost	Timeline
-Bark chips at the playground	\$10,000	Spring 2025
-Sprinkler system	\$10,000	Winter 2024/25
-Topsoil	TBD	
-Dog park fencing	\$10,000	Spring 2025

Pleasant Valley Recreation & Park District

DOG PARK RULES AND REGULATIONS

Properly licensed and tagged (i.e. ownership identification) dogs without vicious, dangerous, or aggressive propensities may be exercised without a leash in the designated areas and at the designated times established by the District and subject to the following rules and regulations:

- a. Dog Park hours of operation are 7:00 a.m. to Dusk unless otherwise posted. The Dog Parks may be closed at the discretion of the General Manager.
- b. The Dog Park may be closed periodically during the year for special events and maintenance as needed.
- c. Enter at your own risk. Adults and children assume all risks associated with the off-leash Dog Park. No children under 16 are allowed without adult supervision. Small children must be within arm's reach of a supervising adult.
- d. Each dog must display a current license and be properly inoculated, healthy (no contagious conditions), and parasite-free. No dog that is sick, in heat, vicious, aggressive or has previously bitten any person is permitted in the off-leash area.
- e. Dogs are to be kept on a leash with a leash length not exceeding 6' when OUTSIDE the Dog Park fence at all times. Do not have your dog unleashed between your vehicle and gated entrance.
- f. Leash and unleash your dog inside the double-gated holding area, not inside the Dog Park.
- g. All dog owners must carry a leash, but no dogs shall be leashed once inside the park.
- h. No spiked collars or the like that have the potential of injuring another dog or person are permitted.
- i. Dogs left unattended at the Dog Park will be impounded with Animal Control. Close supervision of your dog is required. Close supervision means that the dog is within voice command range at all times. Failure to closely supervise dogs may result in the dog being banned for an appropriate period of time, as determined in the General Manager's sole discretion.

- j. Owners must clean up after their pets. If you see someone who forgets to clean up, please remind him/her to help keep the park clean.
- k. AGGRESSIVE DOGS must be removed from the Dog Park area IMMEDIATELY WITHOUT DEBATE. You are responsible for your actions and those of your dog. Aggressive dogs may be banned for appropriate periods of time, as determined in the General Manager's sole discretion. Aggressive dogs are defined as either potentially dangerous or vicious dogs as defined in the California Food and Agricultural Code Section 31602 and 31603. An aggressive dog is also defined as any dog that is determined by the District to pose a threat to dogs or people by virtue of a single incident or history of unprovoked acts of aggression against people or animals. Violation of these provisions is an infraction.
- l. No air horns or bullhorns are allowed.
- m. No food of any kind is allowed inside the Dog Park, including people food.
- n. Three dogs per dog owner is the maximum allowed inside the Dog Park. Due to inability to closely supervise their dogs, owners may not have one or more dogs in the large dog section and one or more dogs in the small dog section, if so designated.
- o. No female dogs in heat or puppies under five months of age, due to their vulnerability to disease and injury, are allowed in a Dog Park.
- p. No grooming of dogs at a Dog Park.
- q. When leaving the park, please remove all tennis balls, toys, or other personal items or they will be discarded.
- r. The District reserves the right to designate certain parks with signage, as "off-leash" parks, allowing for dogs to run free without a leash.
- s. The entrance into an off-leash area within the District constitutes an agreement to comply with the rules contained in this section as well as all those regulations posted with respect to the use of such off-leash areas.
- t. The entrance into an off-leash area within the District constitutes an agreement to protect, indemnify, defend and hold harmless the District from any claim, injury or damage arising from or in connection with such use of District property.

Excerpt from District Ordinance 8, Section 235