



## SEDRO-WOOLLEY PARKS & REREATION ADVISORY BOARD

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### Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

September 12th, 2018

**Members Present:** Ruth Richardson , Lauren Benham, Owen Murdock, Jim Allen, Rick Judd, Jerry Gardner  
**City Council Present:** Chuck Owen, Pola Kelley.  
**Staff Present:** Mayor Johnson, Mark Freiberger, Nathan Salseina.  
**Others Present:** Susan Wichers, Ian Horton, Patricia Lenssen, Brett Sandstrom  
**Call to Order:** 5:15 pm

Meeting was called to order:

Nathan Salseina reviewed the project rankings that were recently released from RCO. Memorial Park Revitalization ranked 43 out of 91 total projects. Winnie Houser Improvements ranked 16 out of 53. Staff feels very positive on the Houser Park application, but is very disappointed in the Memorial Park position in the ranking. Staff reviewed in detail the planned improvements that the Houser Grant will fund including paved parking, restroom, irrigation system, and site utilities. Discussion ensued as to what direction the city should go with Memorial Park. Staff requested direction on Memorial Park. The consensus was to continue to make the planned improvements to the park over time, and to reapply for RCO Funding in 2020.

Nathan Salseina introduced Ian Horton and Patricia Lenssen from Pacific Landscape architecture who have been consulting the city on the proposed BMX facility. Discussion ensued on site selection. Ian and Patricia discussed the various types of BMX Facilities. Owen suggested having a portion of the park dedicated for youth, and a portion dedicated for adult use. Mark Freiberger expressed concerns regarding the aesthetics of the proposed facility, and expressed that he was not in favor of locating the facility at west Bingham Park. Discussion ensued regarding alternate sites. Rick Judd suggested the Powerline Park Location off of Portobello St. Pros and cons of powerline park were discussed. More discussion ensued on the Bingham Park location. The possibility of wetlands at Bingham Park was discussed, and it was decided that staff needs to discuss the wetlands issues. Staff was directed to further investigate possible locations, investigate Bingham Park Wetland issues, and will provide Pacific Landscape Architecture with direction so that the design process can proceed.

The committee reviewed the design elements of the new SWIFT Center Park. Timeline was discussed. Civil planning work to be completed in early 2019, and construction of the new parking lot to be completed in 2019. Other elements of the park including the caretaker's residence, restroom, and playgrounds will be budgeted for and completed over time.

Nathan Salseina reviewed a request from Sedro-Woolley Little League to assume maintenance responsibilities for the Kiwanis baseball fields adjacent to Riverfront Park. Discussion ensued regarding the need for new fields at the Northern State Recreation Area. City will continue to work with the county on planning and development of Northern State Recreation Area.

Nathan Salseina reviewed the 2019 budget process and asked if the council or parks board had any specific funding requests that they would like submitted.

Meeting adjourned at 6:25