

**City of Rainier**  
**Parks, Recreation and Education Committee Meeting**  
**October 25, 2021**  
**6 p.m.**  
**Rainier City Hall**

**Committee Members Present:** Kristi Cole, Terry Deaton, Randall Johnstun, Sharon Jump, Jason Nulph, Gary Rice and Denise Watson

**Committee Members Absent:** Scott Cooper, Tiffany Hatley, Laura Tretheway and Denise Watson

**City Staff Present:** Sue Lawrence, Public Works Director; W. Scott Jorgensen, City Administrator

**Flag Salute**

**Visitor Comments:** There were no visitors comments at this time.

**Consider Approval of the Consent Agenda**

Consider Approval of the June 21, 2021 and August 30, 2021 Parks, Recreation and Education Committee Meeting Minutes—Gary Rice moved to approve the minutes. That motion was seconded by Randall Johnstun and adopted unanimously.

**3. New Business**

- a. Selection of Vice Chair—Rice volunteered to serve as vice chair. Committee members agreed by consensus.
- b. Survey Results—Rice summarized the survey results. A good number of responses were received. The city's trails and beach area are popular and widely used. Public Works Director Sue Lawrence said that the final phase of the riverfront trail project will include asphalt work that will connect to the senior center to make it ADA accessible. City Administrator W. Scott Jorgensen said the addition of stairs will enhance access to the beach area. Lawrence confirmed that will be included in the project's final phase. Rice said the survey responses didn't show much support for expanding the disc golf course or improving the skate park. Jorgensen said there was much support for a putting area. Deaton said many respondents wanted a splash park. Rice said there were many written comments in support of enhanced police presence and lighting at the park. Lawrence said she has estimates for the lighting and it's expensive. Rice said there is much public interest in having a farmer's market at the park. Respondents indicated they wanted to see more hiking trails, a splash pad and a dog

park. The city's water treatment plant property and the area under the C Street bridge were favored by respondents as future park locations. Chair Levi Richardson said the responses were in line with what committee members observed during their field trip to those city-owned properties.

- c. Park Improvement Priorities—Jason Nulph asked if the park restrooms are locked at night. Lawrence confirmed that they are because vandalism is an ongoing issue. She's looking at installing cameras. Rice said that is the best deterrent. Lawrence said she has estimates for those. The ones at the marina were just replaced but there have been IT issues. Richardson said the committee should focus on smaller, easier projects but maintain a long-term vision for more complex and expensive ones. Deaton said there had been previous discussion about having playground equipment adjacent to the splash park. Rice said it would be nice to provide an area for smaller children. Deaton said adults can also use a splash pad. Lawrence said there's already much use at the current city park and it would be nice to spread that out to other locations. Jorgensen asked about the feasibility of a dog park under the C Street bridge. Lawrence said the property will need to be surveyed. Richardson said the parking issues will need to be addressed. Richardson suggested that the committee could work on Fox Creek Park. The hiking trail could be updated and a small playground added. Jorgensen said he could try to get Pastor Paul Rice at the next meeting to discuss it. Lawrence said future maintenance needs must be considered when adding new park amenities and locations. She suggested that mini golf may be feasible by the volleyball court at the current city park. Nulph suggested mini golf at the water plant location. Deaton said the committee should focus on young families. Seniors are already well-served by the existing park amenities, but there isn't much for children. Committee members agreed on November 30 as the next meeting date.

Richardson adjourned the meeting at 6:52 p.m.

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Levi Richardson, Chair

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W. Scott Jorgensen, City Administrator