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**AGENDA
PARK BOARD MEETING
November 15, 2012
7:00 PM-Council Chambers**

1. Group Photo
2. Call To Order – Scott DeRosier
3. Approve Meeting Minutes:
 - July 19, 2012 Meeting Minutes
4. Introduction – New City Manager, Steve Taylor
5. Parks Updates – Tim Mackin
6. Park Smoking Ban Ordinance
7. Tree Lighting Festival – Tim Mackin
8. US Cellular Cell Tower – Tim Mackin
9. Park Board Comments
10. Comments From Audience
11. Adjourn Meeting

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Park Board Meeting
November 15, 2012 @ 7:00pm
City Hall Council Chambers

Attendees:

1. Ray Acker

2. Fred Phillips

3. DAN JONES

4. Scott

5. Bob Smith

6. PJ Enbuske

7. Tina Casper

8. Steph Jaffe

9. W. W.

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Park Board Meeting

July 17, 2012

Call to Order:

Scott DeRosier called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. at City of Kelso City Hall Council Chambers, 203 S. Pacific Ave.

Those present were as follows:

Park Board Members

Scott DeRosier

Jerry Phillips

Bob Smith

Dan Jones

Staff

Tim Mackin, Parks Lead

Nina Caulfield, Recording Secretary

Excused Absence

Pamela Jo (PJ) Enbusk

Also in attendance:

Gary Archer, City of Kelso Council Member

Approval of Minutes:

MOTION: Jerry Phillips made the motion, seconded by Bob Smith to approve the minutes of February 16, 2012. Motion carried, all in favor.

Business:

1. **Presentation – Park Smoking Ban Request by Pathways 2020/Team Longview**

Paul Youmans, Director Pathways 2020, introduced the rest of Team Longview. Jennifer Schapman - Cowlitz County Health Department, Melissa Mullins - AmeriCorps Member, and Gayle Reid – a Kelso Resident.

Two and a half years ago we contacted the City of Longview and worked with them to survey and interview residents regarding tobacco free parks. We did research and polling of more than 1500 residents. Based on the information that was gathered, we recommended that Longview prohibit tobacco use in all 17 parks with designated smoking areas. The Longview City Council agreed and adopted an Ordinance to do so. A two year sunset clause was included to ensure that if the effects of the Ordinance did not receive wide community support that the Ordinance would expire. The newest survey showed 86% of people wanted to keep the current ban on smoking in Longview parks. In the survey Kelso was

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included in the questions. 67.7% responded that they would like to see Kelso Parks smoke free as well.

As an added incentive, to support the ban, the Cowlitz County Health Department has tobacco grant fund available to purchase signs for the Kelso Parks. These signs are customizable.

Dan asked questions regarding the set up of the questions within the survey, and how skipping (not answering) the question was the result of not enough range in the answer choices. Does the lack of non-supporting answers make the survey invalid? Discussion followed. Dan also asked why we would want to have a law which has no enforcement. Paul explained that enforcement would only be when necessary. Longview has found that people as a whole generally police themselves and this has not been a drain on their police force.

Scott questioned if the designated smoking areas in Longview's parks were indeed in the parking lots. Paul confirmed. Scott then shared that he has observed people in our parks are generally staying to the parking lots now. He would be ok with the ban as long as they had designated areas.

Discussion began regarding smoking at the Spray Park. Most agreed that the Spray Park should be completely smoke free as well as every other area where children are at play.

Paul suggested that the Park Board has 4 options.

1. Adopt a voluntary no tobacco policy
2. Prohibit tobacco use at areas where children play.
3. Prohibit tobacco use, except in designated areas such as parking lots.
4. Prohibit tobacco use in all parks.

Discussion followed. Jerry made the motion to pass on Pathways 2020 recommendation for tobacco free parks to Council, Bob seconded. Motion carried, all in favor.

2. Presentation - Senior Center Security System – Kathleen Johnson, Senior Center and Adrienne/Lance/and Micheal of Devcon Security

The Senior Center is now into its 2nd year. Over 7500 people a year are using the center, and even more now that it is the new square club and bridge club. They have performed a lot of upgrades in that time. They have installed a new kitchen, computer room, and Concession Stand for the Spray Park. It is also available for rent with a Board Member there as a chaperone at all times during the event.

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Due to all of the upgrades, concerns have been raised over the security of the building. Both, because of its general area, and because of the forgetfulness of those responsible to secure the building.

The security system was described. It will be a wireless system to cover the seven doors with two wireless sensors to detect breaking glass. All permitted users, including Tim Mackin, will be given a key fob for activating and deactivating the system. The fobs also help to address the forgetfulness issue. The system can also be accessed and monitored from the internet to secure it, if need be, from www.alarm.com. The main access panel is two-way voice enabled so communication can happen with the call center without the use of the phone system and also acts as medical response. There will be no charge for the equipment. A small monthly fee will be the responsibility of and paid for by the Senior Center Board. If for some reason the Senior Center closes, the monthly contract becomes null and void. The equipment will stay there in hopes the next tenant will subscribe to the system.

With the Board all in favor, Tim Mackin approves the installation of the security system.

3. KGSA Field Use Request – Scott DeRosier

They would like to use and develop the utility field by the dike. From their understanding Youth Baseball currently has claim over that field. They can't come up and use Little League fields as Little League can use theirs with portable mounds. Scott suggested a shared use field, with portable mounds. He also thought that those two groups should come up with an agreement for development and maintenance. Tim stated that no group has a contract for that field. Tim suggested that the Park Board should invite the Presidents or a set representative of both Leagues to the next Park Board Meeting to discuss this issue.

4. Parks Updates – Tim Mackin

- a. It is budget season. At the end of the month I will be losing my part time helper as he was only here for a four month contract.
- b. I just installed two BBQ Pits at the end of the covered area. They are cemented in to prevent theft.
- c. JH Kelly picnic is August 4th.
- d. US Cellular is installing their tower. Good time of the year to be doing this construction. Softball is done, and there is no mud from rain. Scott raised questions about their boring plans in regards to boring for the leagues and the roses. Tim stated that the roses might have to come out, since the approval that Rick Roberson received was from the cousin of the boy that redid the sign, and he wasn't happy about it. They are in discussions now hoping that an agreement is reached.

5. Park Board Comments

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- a. National Night Out is August 7th.
- b. The Regional Tournament for Babe Ruth is coming up. Opening ceremonies start on the 29th and 10 teams are coming in. JH Kelly was concerned about the shared use of the park. Tim stated that it wasn't a problem a couple of years ago. People parked outside of the park and walked to the stands and left the company picnic alone. He is not concerned there will be an issue.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Approved:

Scott DeRosier

Tim Mackin, Parks Lead

ORDINANCE NO. 12-3777

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO AMENDING KMC 12.20 TO PROHIBIT TOBACCO USE IN CITY PARKS EXCEPT IN DESIGNATED AREAS

WHEREAS, City parks are gathering places for the community and promote healthy activity within the City; and

WHEREAS, smoking causes cancer and cardiovascular and respiratory disease; and

WHEREAS, the Surgeon General has concluded that second hand smoke has health consequences on those exposed and that there is no safe level of exposure to second hand smoke; and

WHEREAS, tobacco free policies establish healthy and positive community norms; and

WHEREAS, tobacco free environments at public gathering places promote the health, safety, and welfare of the public; and

WHEREAS, in a 2012 local survey, 67.7% respondents favored prohibiting tobacco in Kelso Parks; and

WHEREAS, on July 19, 2012, the Kelso Parks Board considered a presentation from Team Longview consisting of members from Pathways 2020, the Cowlitz County Health Department, Americorps, and a Kelso resident; the Parks Board generally supported prohibiting tobacco use except in designated areas but made no formal recommendation to Council;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KELSO DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. KELSO MUNICIPAL CODE AMENDED. That Chapter 12.20 of the Kelso Municipal Code is hereby amended to add a new section 12.20.125 to provide as follows:

12.20.125 TOBACCO PROHIBITED

The use of tobacco products is prohibited in all City parks except in designated areas. The designated areas where tobacco use is allowed shall be the parking areas within the City parks and such other areas as the Director may designate by posting signage.

SECTION 2. SEVERABILITY. The provisions of this Ordinance are declared to be severable. If any provision, clause, sentence, or paragraph of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person, establishment, or circumstances shall be held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the other provisions or application of this Ordinance.

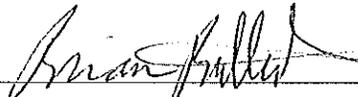
SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect 5 days after its passage and publication of summary as required by law.

ADOPTED by the City Council and **SIGNED** by the Mayor this 6th day of November, 2012.



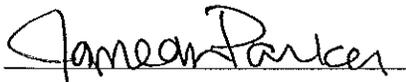
MAYOR

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATION:



CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



CITY ATTORNEY

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