

**CITY OF BLAINE  
PARK AND CEMETERY BOARD MINUTES**

**Thursday, August 10, 2017**

**9:30 AM – 11:00 AM**

**Sandie Miller - Chair**

**A. CALL TO ORDER: 9:30 AM**

**B. ROLL CALL:**

**PRESENT:** Joan Clark, Sean Ventura, Janet Pickard, Sandie Miller, Sandra Schable.

Board Member Baldwin asked to be excused prior to the beginning of the meeting.

**MOTION BY CLARK TO EXCUSE BOARD MEMBER BALDWIN, APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY (4-0).**

**ABSENT:** Garth Baldwin

**STAFF:** Community Development Director Michael Jones, Planner I Maddie Ottley

**C. PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

**D. NEW BUSINESS:**

**Downtown Parklets**

Mr. Jones noted that on June 22<sup>nd</sup> there was a special meeting to tour downtown Parklets; three board members attended.

Mr. Jones went over the proposed improvements for each parklet generated from the special meeting.

Staff then asked for direction from the Board.

**MOTION BY PICKARD, SECOND BY VENTURA TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSAL TO IMPROVE THE DOWNTOWN PARKLETS.**

The Board held a discussion about the proposed improvements, and Member Clark asked about the preference of picnic tables versus benches.

**MOTION BY PICKARD, SECOND BY CLARK TO AMEND THE MOTION TO INSTALL A BENCH INSTEAD OF A PICNIC TABLE AT THE CHERRY STREET PARKLET, APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY (4-0).**

Cemetery Niche Wall

Mr. Jones stated this project was transferred to the Public Works 2017 work plan.

Cain Creek Property Acquisition update

Mr. Jones stated that the City Council did conceptually accept a proposal to donate the Santana property to the City.

As part of an enforcement case with the State, Nature's Path is proposing to work with the City to purchase land around Cain Creek as part of a Park's donation.

Mr. Jones asked the Board if they are in favor of support to acquiring two properties as proposed.

**MOTION BY CLARK, SECOND BY VENTURA, TO SUPPORT THE CITY IN PURCHASING TWO PIECES OF PROPERTY ADJACENT TO CAIN CREEK, APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY (4-0).**

**E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Lincoln Park

Mr. Jones highlighted the installed improvements at Lincoln Park, and finishing projects to be completed.

Board Member Clark asked about how the pavement improvement was funded.

Mr. Jones stated it was a mix of funding from the sewer fund, easement funds from AT&T, and park's budget for Lincoln Park landscape enhancement.

Heron's Ponds

Mr. Jones noted the improvements which have been installed including a bench, picnic table, half basketball court, as well as connecting trail to Montfort Park.

Board Member Clark inquired about the previously proposed observation deck.

Mr. Jones stated that staff is still planning on pursuing the observation deck at a later time based on the funding left over from the project.

**F. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

Mr. Jones noted the thank you letter sent from Hands Across the Border.

**G. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**MOTION BY CLARK, SECONDED BY PICKARD, TO APPROVE THE  
MINUTES OF JUNE 2017 AS AMENDED , APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY (4-0).**

**ADJOURNMENT: 10:30 AM**

Park and Cemetery Board minutes of August, 2017 will be approved at the September, 2017 Park and Cemetery Board meeting.