

August 13, 2010 Parks Minutes

The Desert Aire Parks, Marina and Greenbelt Committee came to order at 5 PM downstairs in the Multipurpose Building August 13th, 2010. Committee members present were James Curdy, Terry Jensen, Dick Dorton and Chairman Bob Kibler. Also in attendance were Grant PUD staff members Igor Shaporda and Kelly Larimer, Board President Jeff Shimmin, and residents Steve Bodin, Kathleen Silvernail and Mike Mulcahy.

Grant PUD staff presented an update on the shoreline work. The Recreation Resource Management Plan License Amendment was submitted to FERC on February 26, 2010. The Shoreline Management Plan has been approved by Grant PUD Commission and filed with FERC on March 2, 2010. No action that effects Desert Aire has been made by FERC.

Concerning the status of Development Applications for Planned Recreation Improvements, draft drawings for recreation enhancements planned for the Priest Rapids Recreation Area have been sent out to the appropriate agencies on August 9, 2010. These agencies have been asked to provide feedback and suggestions prior to permit application submittal. Grant PUD anticipates submitting permit applications for these enhancements within the next 45 days.

The Grant PUD will be retaking soil profile samples this winter.

James addressed the need to preserve the River Campground lower lawn area as much as possible, when considering just where to place the shoreline pathway. The rationale is that lawn area is scarce on busy weekends already, and we don't want to lose any of it by placing the path through the middle of it. It would help to keep the path on the east side of the lawn area, embedded somewhat into the sloped terrace with a retaining wall. The change from the existing plan is small, and will be considered.

Desert Aire's four Access Pathways were discussed. They need to match up to the PUD paths. We considered how to upgrade and formalize them. James said that when the PUD surfaces their shoreline trail, that would be the time to get ours done by the same builder. The PUD suggests that we should contact the Grant County Community Development Department to see what the standards are. Bob said he would do that.

Kathleen said that trail walkers have driven the car over their property while getting it parked before walking the shoreline trail. The feasibility of placing "No Parking" signs in the vicinity is being considered.

The Committee discussed and accepted the Tennis Court/Pickleball Committee's Preliminary Recommendations and Timeline, without changes.

The meeting was adjourned at 6 PM.