



Pullman Parks & Recreation

Lawson Garden Committee

MINUTES: April 22, 2015

Mitch Chandler called the special meeting of the Lawson Garden Committee to order at 6:30 pm in the Large Conference Room, City Hall, Pullman. Others present were Karlene Beaumont, Kim Keizur and Pam McEachern. City of Pullman, Parks & Recreation employee Alan Davis, Park Manager, was also present.

AGENDA/MINUTES:

- A. **MOTION:** Pam McEachern made a motion to adopt the agenda for the Special Meeting of April 22, 2015. Kim Keizur seconded. Passed unanimously.
- B. **MOTION:** Kim Keizur moved to accept the minutes for December 1, 2014 and March 11, 2015. Pam McEachern seconded. Passed unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- A. Mitch Chandler introduced Karlene Beaumont to the Committee.

REPORTS:

- A. Alan reported that he had been working with Candice Bennett, a Wildlife Conflict Consultant on the ongoing problems associated with deer in the gardens. The deer have been eating flowers and small vegetation. Wildlife sprays or Citrus soap may be the only options available.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Lodging Tax Grant

- a. Mitch Chandler explained to our new member Karlene Beaumont, the awarding of the Lodging Tax Grant of \$700,000 for the construction of the Lawson Garden House Event center.
- b. A discussion ensued/"brainstorming" fund raising options. The group decided that the first order of business was to have Alan Davis contact Rueben Mayes in regards to a possible donor who had expressed some interest after seed money was secured. The group then decided to have staff put together a Garden House packet and to consider a social event in the summer (perhaps July or August) at the gardens. Alan suggested that there may be a way to have a large outdoor screen with images of the Center displayed during the event, perhaps even chamber music. Mitch Chandler asked to have Alan check with City Attorney, Laura McAloon on the possibility of such an event; allowing all Lawson and Council members to be present at the same time. Mitch Chandler also suggested that the group meet in the near future to set strategy for the fund raising campaign.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. None

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: Pam McEachern made the motion to adjourn at 6:15 pm, Kim Keizur seconded. Passed unanimously.

Mitch Chandler, Chairperson

Alan Davis, Park Manager