

Birchwood Parks and Natural Resources Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday 11/27 at 7:00 City Hall

In attendance: Houstoun Clinch, Judy Walker, Ana Vang, Dave Remely, Bridget Sperl

Reminder: there will be no December meeting

The dog waste stations: have had their trash containers removed - feedback was given that residents have returned to dumping dog waste into peoples' own trash containers. The committee strongly urges the council to reinstall them.

Feasibility study: Ana reported that both Rice and Washington conservation districts are willing to partner to assess the water in Tigh Schmitt and Halls Marsh. There is a concern they are absorbing water from Priby Lake which is man made and holds only run off. Ana will update the mayor. The committee passed a motion in supportive of proceeding with this work.

Horse shoe pit: Dave Remely brought plans. He agreed to get more specifics and we would then incorporate into the Birchwood Parks Improvement Plan currently being developed.

Kayak storage: The city has asked for the parks committee recommendation as to where they should be placed. We still recommend they be placed on the west side of Birch and the east side of Dellwood and not on Kay as it is a non boat swimming beach. We also recommend that fees be increased to \$30.00 as an additional revenue source for the city.

We were also asked to explore adding paddleboard racks to the beaches. For now, we recommend no paddleboard racks but instead use the additional kayak racks for paddleboards.

Birchwood parks improvement plan update: the draft of a plan is well underway. additional feedback was given and a more complete draft will be shared and reviewed at the January Parks meeting. It takes into account the survey feedback and covers all our parks, paths and beaches.

Birchwood Comprehensive Plan: Concerns were raised about the plan, its accuracy and integrity, Feedback has and will be given to Tobin from members of the committee. All are encouraged to read it.

Questions we will be asking of Tobin:

Status on city arborist and Rainbow tree work

Status on Playground safety inspection

Agenda for Birchwood Parks and Natural Resources
Committee - January 2019 Meeting

Review Birchwood Parks improvement plan

Status update on work being done by Rainbow trees

More Detailed view of the horseshoe pit

Report back on Birchwood playground safety inspection