

**Western Gateway Park  
Board Minutes  
September 21, 2022**

**1. Call to Order Closed Session – 6:00pm**

**Pledge of Allegiance** – Director Brandon Lindsen

**2. Roll Call** – Present – Chairman Dan House, Vice Chairman Nancy Peirce, Director Brandon Lindsen

**3. Employee Review** –

**4. Adjourn Closed Session – 6:30pm**

**5. Call to Order Open Session/Pledge of Allegiance** – Chairman House called the meeting to order at 6:34pm. Louie Osterude led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**6. Introduction of Guests** – Donna Marie Large, John Moss Quaglia, Blake (bike park), Louie Osterude, Sharon Lewis, John Everson, Lori (Rollerskater)

**7. Agenda Approval** – Lindsen made a motion to move New Business 13a and 13b to after public comments. Peirce seconded. Motion passed. Peirce made a motion to move item 13c after public comments. Lindsen seconded. Agenda was approved with said changes. All in favor.

**8. Public Comments** - Neighbor John Everson voiced his concerns on the activity in the park at night. He has spoken to maintenance people about the increasing amount of traffic in the park after hours. “Weird things are happening” 3-5 nights a week at 10-midnight. Someone with a green flashlight is walking around the disc golf course. People are being dropped off at 2-3am and being picked up 15 minutes later. Cars are here 12+ hours a day.

Peirce – We have addressed this with the Sheriff’s Office. Everson – There is a number of people that are loitering. The park needs to close at sunset. There should be a bridge at the tennis courts in order for the softball players to get out. People are driving through at every hour. *The park staff* is not seeing the stuff that is going on. There is a white pickup dealing drugs. Peirce – We are in the process of organizing a neighborhood watch. The important thing is to document. The Sheriff’s Office has made it clear that if we make the area a priority, they will to. Everson – What’s the rule about dogs on leash. There are at least 30 dog fights per year. Peirce – there is no leash law in Nevada County. *I make a point of acknowledging and commending those responsible dog owners that I see.*

Moss – The last time he gave a quick update and asked to speak with Capri. He called Capri with regards to their requirements on features. Capri has no pre-determined regulations. It’s up to the park. They directed him to Auburn and Truckee, as they have been through the process. He called Auburn and spoke to a guy who informed him that they used volunteers to construct the bike park. Capri did come out and take a look. Blake is very gifted at building. Kids from the local schools can come out and help, allowing us to build very cost effectively. He is working towards empowering Blake to build the park instead of raising tens of thousands of dollars. We (Moss and Blake) can give you the drawings. Is this a process that the Board can get behind? Lindsen – As long as you are staying within the boundaries that

the County has set, I think this is great. Peirce – You have to have a plan before you start. We'll go out and flag it, so we know where the jumps are going to be. You (Moss) didn't speak with the underwriter. Capri is merely an umbrella for the parks. They contract with the individual insurance companies. You need to speak with Alliant. (Get Moss contact information for Alliant.) Lindsen – I would personally love to see the park hold events and races.

**13b. Fall Festival** – Dawna Marie Large – Would like to propose the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Fall Festival/Holiday Fair. All proceeds will go to the park. She will get sponsors through the foundation. She currently has 30 vendors. She secured one food truck today. She also has a rescue foundation. It is scheduled for November 26, 2022 from 10-3pm. Peirce – have you considered the weather? Have you made provisions for it? Large has told vendors to bring tents and has scheduled a back up for November 27. Peirce – if it is raining on the 26<sup>th</sup>, it will likely be raining on the 27<sup>th</sup>. Check the park calendar with Destiny for the following week. Large – Do you have an issue with beer and wine? Peirce – no. Again speak with Destiny as she has experience with the beer and wine. She can help you.

**13a. New signage proposal – Louie Osterude** Made a proposal for a new sign board out in front of the park. He passed around drawings and mentioned that measurements could change. To build the sign, including electrical and labor is all free. He will go out to business organizations and ask for donations. He estimates the cost to be around \$3400. He has a commitment for the electrical part. He and his grandson will be doing the welding. It will be a manual sign to start with, but both sides of the sign will be built so that if you wanted to put in digital, you can take out the old and put in the new for about \$3000 - \$10,000. The ballards aren't showing in the drawing. He would like to do a ribbon cutting and an article acknowledging those that donated towards the project.

**Peirce** – You could run the money through the foundation, then it would be a write-off for business. You need to check the Nevada County sign ordinances and make sure that there is no permit fee.

**Lindsen** – Thank you for taking the lead on this.

**13c Skating Discussion** – Skater Lori has “spent 10 years trying to get people to understand that rollerskating is much more than rollerskating.” She would like to reserve the pavilion for Fridays from 4-6pm on a continuous basis beginning in April 2023. Board agreed. She needs to contact the office to set up a contract.

- 9. Correspondence** – Peirce read a thank you card from the local 4H Swine group that has been meeting in the Buttermaker's once a month on Fridays. The group did very well in the fair, taking best of five. Capri is looking for a director if anyone is interested. We also received an invitation to honor Sandy Jacobsen for her service. Destiny will arrange to purchase a \$50 gift card to Maria's for Sandy in appreciation. Board approved.

**Peirce** made a motion to move item 12c to after Board minutes and financial review. Lindsen seconded.

**10. Board minutes** – August Board minutes were reviewed. Lindsen made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Peirce seconded.

**11. Financial Report** – Peirce gave summary of the financials from August. We are doing very well in comparison to when she first came on Board. Peirce made a motion to accept the financials as presented. Lindsen seconded.

**12c. Open Board Position** - Peirce explained that we have an open board position. She would like to nominate Sharon Lewis for that position. Sharon accepted the nomination and will fulfill the remainder of the term of former director Lisa Thomas. All in favor – unanimous. House read the oath of office. Sharon repeated. Sharon Lewis, Dan House, and Destiny Bradt signed the oath of office and Destiny will send it up to the Board of Supervisors.

**12a.** – Prop 68 – Peirce gave an update. Cole was working on the gate. She asked him if he would be able to manufacture a shade structure. He said yes. She gave him the budget. Asked if he could do it as a hexagon. That was not in the budget. Asked if he could do it long and narrow with a metal roof. That was in the budget. She asked Cole to come up with the engineering (that would take out one step and would lower the cost.) He would be happy to enter a bid. There would still be some dismantling involved. Peirce is yet to meet with neighborhood lady and daughter.

**12b. – Recreation and Tourism** – Peirce gave a presentation on receiving the grant to the Rotary. She and Destiny worked together to send out an article. There was some positive and some negative response. There is a workshop coming up on how to interface with the State. She hasn't seen the information yet. We will need to tackle the creek first. Lewis - Will we need to rework the entrance? No

**12d. – Downed trees and wood removal** - Peirce – The big tree is gone. It was cut up and Bob and Jason worked on it. Suggested work day for disc golf. Big tree needs to be taken care of. There was a proposal submitted for the purchase of some larger chainsaws. Lindsen would like to add a blower to the proposal. House gave an update on the firewood. We have plenty of firewood to keep us busy. We will sell it by the cord.

**13d. PG&E Solar True-up** – Peirce – It was \$4400.00. Last year it was \$1300. YTD as of July 10<sup>th</sup> was \$1382.00. The bulk of the cost was from July-Sept. This cost was attributed to the live-in tenants.

#### **14. Advisory Groups – Presentations**

##### **a. Buildings and Grounds**

**i. Vehicle damage to the front gate** - The repairs are finished . They were able to reset the pillar. It was \$3800 just for the gate. It may be another \$300-500 for the pillar. Cole installed the swing gate at the lower playground. Both posts are in.

**ii. Vehicle Accident at Hwy 20 and Ball fields** – No damage to the grass, ballfield and uprights. We still haven't gotten an estimate. Peirce needs to follow-up.

**iii. Irrigation Assessment** –House and Lindsen walked through with Peter from P & P. Maintenance crew is spread pretty thin. We need a chart with run times. Cost was estimated

to be around \$1700.00. House – It's working pretty well. Scheduling timers and computers would be worth something. Estimate includes all the zones. House is inclined to go with it. Peirce – Wait until next Spring (May 1<sup>st</sup>) Currently the filter system is on auto-flush. There is a filter at the creek that has to be manually changed. That would be \$3500. Lindsen is thinking no. We should convene with a big golf course system. We should look bigger overall. It is time to do research.

**iv. General Park Maintenance**

**v.) Equipment needs** – Discussed under item 12d.

**vi. Vandalism** – On September 4<sup>th</sup>, Jim heard someone in the bathroom on Friday before Praise in the Mountains. He went in an hour later and saw that they had been severely vandalized. He closed and locked them up. Nancy didn't have time to clean them on Saturday. She came over on Sunday and cleaned the women's bathroom, but not the graffiti. Bob and Jason painted over everything and cleaned the tiles.

We need to get the game cams up and see if they work. We have one to put up.

**vii.) Firewood program, Farmer's Market, CRV Programs** – Firewood was already discussed. Farmer's Market – vendors decided that they will not be doing the year-round market. They will start back up April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023.

**b. Upcoming events and reservation report**

**i.) Upcoming events** – Destiny Bradt gave a report on upcoming events. Park reservations are beginning to taper off.

**15. Director Comments** – Peirce – Lewis acreage is going up for auction.

**16. Adjournment** – Peirce made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Lewis seconded it. Meeting adjourned at 9:07pm.