

**MINUTES OF THE JOINT WORKSESSION
LACEY CITY COUNCIL AND BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS**

FEBRUARY 20, 2020

7:00 P.M. – 9:17 P.M.

COUNCIL PRESENT: MAYOR RYDER, DEPUTY MAYOR PRATT, COUNCILMEMBERS
GREENSTEIN, STEADMAN, COX, KUNKEL, MILLER

PARK BOARD PRESENT: SARAH DANIELS, KEN BALSLEY, TROY KIRBY, ERWIN VIDALLON

PARK BOARD EXCUSED: ARAM WHEELER, CAMERON ROSS

STAFF PRESENT: S. SPENCE, J. BURBIDGE, S. EGGER, D. SCHNEIDER, R. WALK,
T. WOO, S. FALASH, P. EDMONDS

ACTION: APPROVE WORKSESSION AGENDA

MOTION: MOTION MADE, SECONDED AND CARRIED BY DEPUTY MAYOR PRATT AND
COUNCILMEMBER GREENSTEIN

SPORTS COMMISSION UPDATE

PRESENTER: SHAUNA STEWART, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, VCB
JEFF BOWE, SENIOR DIRECTOR OF TOURISM DEVELOPMENT, VCB

ACTION: INFORMATION ONLY

The Sports Commission, a division of Experience Olympia & Beyond (VCB), serves Thurston County and connects event organizers to venues, hotels and services. An Advisory Committee guides the Sports Commission's efforts and helps identify revenue streams and local businesses who could directly benefit from sports tourism and increase the economic impact in the county.

Sports Commission activities include a new website, sports facility guide, sports advertising, and attendance at tradeshow.

In 2020, the City awarded \$20,000 in lodging tax funds to the VCB for sports tourism. For every \$1 in lodging tax funds invested, there is \$2,742 in economic impact for the Lacey community.

Council invited the Sports Commission to present annually at the Joint Worksession with Council and the Parks Board.

INDOOR SPORTS FACILITY PHASE II - UPDATE

STAFF: JENNIFER BURBIDGE, PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR
ROB HUNDEN, HUNDEN STRATEGIC PARTNERS (BY PHONE)
ACTION: INFORMATION ONLY

In 2018, Hunden Strategic Partners (HSP) completed Phase I of the Indoor Sports Facility study. At the January 24, 2019, Council and Parks Board Joint Worksession, HSP recommended moving forward with development of a new indoor multipurpose venue to include 8 basketball courts and 16 volleyball courts.

On March 21, 2019, City Council directed staff to move forward with Phase II of the feasibility analysis, which included:

- Kick off / Review HSP's prior work for the City
- Site Identification and Analysis
- Usage / Tenant Partners
- Funding
- Governance / Management
- Recommendations; Designs and Budgets
- Updated Financial Projections and Impact

Hunden presented potential funding sources, viable sites, and key anchor tenants.

BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS ANNUAL REPORT

STAFF: JENNIFER BURBIDGE, PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR
ACTION: ACKNOWLEDGE THE PARK BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS 2019 KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND ACCEPT THE 2020 WORK PLAN
MOTION: MOTION MADE AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBERS STEADMAN AND GREENSTEIN. MOTION CARRIED.

The Board of Park Commissioners provides leadership in the area of parks and recreation, and make recommendations to the City Council regarding planning, promotion, management, acquisition, construction, development, maintenance, and operation of Lacey's parks, trails, public recreation facilities and recreational

programs. The Board also makes rules and regulations relating to the use of the parks and other recreational facilities to best serves the interests of the public. Each year the Board identifies priorities for the upcoming year and reports out a yearly work plan to the full City Council.

2019 Projects:

- Wonderwood Park
- Homann Park Bleachers
- Pleasant Glad Park Fence
- Long Lake Park Dock Repurposed
- Longs Pond Dock At Woodland Creek Park

2020 Projects:

- RAC Field Replacements
- Rainier Vista Community Park Skatepark Repairs
- Wonderwood Trail and Basketball Court (not yet scheduled)
- Bush Park Playground
- Rainier Vista Park Outdoor Ping Pong (not yet scheduled, but should be in 2020)

REGIONAL ATHLETIC COMPLEX IMPACT REPORT

STAFF: SUE FALASH, RECREATION MANAGER

ACTION: INFORMATION ONLY

The Regional Athletic Complex (RAC) utilized 50 weekends in 2019, with over 128,000 people in tournament and league games. There were 65 events held in the softball and soccer complex during the 50 weekends used, with 2,043 teams and 1159 of those teams travelling over 50 miles to the RAC. This resulted in an economic impact of over \$3 million to the City.

New events held in 2019 include Polyfest, the Regional LaCrosse Tournament, 3v3 Soccer, USSSA Western Worlds Softball, and Regional Flag Football.

Improvements in 2020 include replacement of the soccer field in July and infield 5 in October.

CITIZEN COMMITTEE ON THE IMPACTS OF HOMELESSNESS

STAFF: SCOTT SPENCE, CITY MANAGER
RICK WALK, COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR
ACTION: INFORMATION ONLY

A citizen committee will be formed as a community-driven response to homelessness. The committee will be comprised of 30 members, through direct outreach and an application process.

The committee will work with the community to identify issues, examine options to assist homeless, refine the identified options, and finalize recommendations for Council's consideration.

Staff will create an application and begin the process to see how many responses are received, and will report back to Council.

Council agreed on staff's concept for the citizen committee.