

BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

Wednesday, October 6th, 2021 5:30pm, via Zoom

Present:

Commissioners: Chair Sarah Daniels, Cmr. Erwin Vidallon, Cmr. Gary Larson, and Vice Chair Aram Wheeler.

Excused: Commissioner Troy Kirby

Staff: Jen Burbidge, Sarah Smith, Sue Falash, Cody Lee, and Jamie Oakland.

Public: None present

The meeting was called to order at 5:32 pm, by Chair Sarah Daniels

Additions or deletions to the Agenda

Chair Sarah Daniels made a motion to move item #9 Director's Report Before item #7 Old Business and Commissioner Erwin Vidallon seconded. Motion carried.

Announcements & introductions

Ms. Jen Burbidge introduced new Commissioner Gary Larson and staff, then reminded the Board of the 10/7 City Council meeting to increase Parks Board membership to 7 members.

Chair Sarah Daniels reminded the commission that nominations will be needed for Chair and Vice Chair at the next meeting.

Minutes

Commissioner Aram Wheeler made a motion to approve the September 1st minutes, and Commissioner Erwin Vidallon seconded. Motion carried.

Correspondence

No correspondence.

Citizen/Public Comments on Items not on the Agenda

None.

9. Director's Report

- a) Staff Presentation – Mr. Cody Lee provided details of the summer camp programs' success and partnership with North Thurston School District.
- b) Sports Commission update – None.
- c) Programs & Special Events – Ms. Sue Falash updated the Board on registration and waitlists for upcoming winter programs.
- d) Construction Updates
- e) Planning
- f) Grants & Budgets
- g) Volunteers
- h) Miscellaneous – Mr. Jamie Oakland provided updates on parks maintenance and upcoming facility closures. Mr. Oakland advised Little Free Library moved locations.

7. Old Business

- a) Greg Cuoio Park & Greenways Master Plan Update – Ms. Jen Burbidge advised the following:

- Pickleball courts were pulled off the plan.
 - Architects looking for cross country options.
 - Reviewing crossings at Carpenter Road for a pedestrian bridge.
 - Reviewed the suspension bridge and will be seeing it in person with Department of Fish & Wildlife and tribal representatives and providing more details after reviewing the bridge with City Council at their November hybrid meeting and work session.
 - Maintenance facility will be opened in 2 phases: opening phase and expansion phase.
 - Group camping has been removed from the plans after public input, but will remain a potential future option.
 - Question arose from Commission if the maintenance facility phases will be complete prior to park opening. Ms. Jen Burbidge clarified some phases will be complete, some will be in progress, and Phase 1 will be completed prior to the park opening.
- b) COVID-19 Update. – Ms. Jen Burbidge provided COVID-19 updates.
- c) Lacey Cares Survey Update – Ms. Jen Burbidge advised the first survey is completed, a second survey regarding prioritization will be sent 10/7.

8. New Business

- a) Work Plan Check-In – Ms. Jen Burbidge reviewed the workplan.
- b) Commissioner Open Public Meetings Training Session 2 Video.
- c) Commissioner Open Public Meetings Training Session 1 (Reviewed prior to meeting)

10. Commissioner's Report

No Report

11. Chair's Report

No Report

12. Committee Reports

- a) PARC Foundation. No report

13. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 7:06 pm.

Next meeting: Wednesday November 3rd, 2021 at 5:30pm via Zoom.