



Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, August 23, 2023, 5:00 PM
Council Chambers, 616 NE 4th AVE

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting Ground Rules: Listen With An Open Mind, Let Everyone Participate, Close Decisions, Identify Action Items & Follow Up, Show Up On Time & Come Prepared, Stay Mentally & Physically Present.

ROLL CALL

Present: Ellen Burton, David Dewey, Steve Lorenz

Excused: Katy Daane, Brittany Grahn, Jason Irving, Jenny Wu

Presenter: Marty Rutkovitz, President of DOGPAW

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments made.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 1. APPROVE COMMISSION MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON JUNE 29, 2023.**

Presenter: Ellen Burton, Chair

Time Estimate: 5 minutes

The approval of minutes will be moved to the September 27th meeting.

MEETING ITEMS

- 2. DOG PARK DISCUSSION (INFORMATIONAL)**

Presenter: Marty Rutkovitz, Dogpaw & Trang Lam, Parks & Recreation Director

Time Estimate: 40 minutes

The President of DOGPAW, Marty Rutkovitz, spoke about fundraising, membership, education and reviewed current DOGPAW Parks.

Trang Lam presented the Next Steps for this project; Membership Drive, Community Survey and a Partnership Agreement. Discussion ensued on membership numbers, fees, business partnerships, biggest expenses and parking lots. In response to maintenance, Rutkovitz stated that local municipalities take care of park maintenance.

- 3. HERITAGE PARK PARKING LOT (INFORMATIONAL)**

Presenter: Trang Lam, Parks & Recreation Director

Time Estimate: 20 minutes

Trang Lam discussed observations on safety, parking capacity and impacts on Lodge rental parking. Management options include continued seasonal management during

the summer, add gate with ticket booth to Heritage Parking lot and Lodge parking lot, research fees. Discussion ensued on access to the north side of Lacamas Lake and on charging fees.

4. PARKS & OPEN SPACE MANAGEMENT PLAN & CITY-WIDE SPORTS FIELDS PLAN UPDATE (INFORMATIONAL)

Presenter: Trang Lam, Parks & Recreation Director

Time Estimate: 10 minutes

Trang Lam discussed the Team, DNR Grant and Contract for the Parks & OS Management Plan. Lam discussed the Team and Contract for a City-Wide Sport Facility Plan.

PROJECT UPDATES

5. PARKS & RECREATION UPDATES

Presenter: Trang Lam, Parks & Recreation Director

Time Estimate: 5 minutes

Lam provided the following updates; RCO local parks maintenance grants, Vandalism at the skate park and Grass Valley park, a summary of the July Recreation programs, and an update on the Hope for Salmon Day Camp program this year.

Crown Park Improvements and partnership opportunities with the school district will be topics at the next meeting. Discussion ensued on grant awards.

6. PUBLIC WORKS UPDATES

Presenter: Will Noonan, Operations Supervisor

Time Estimate: 5 minutes

No Public Works updates were made at this meeting.

OTHER ITEMS

7. COMMISSIONER UPDATES

Presenter: Ellen Burton, Chair

Time Estimate: Remainder of Time

Lorenz inquired about policies on having events in city parks and added that the community is really enjoying Crown Park this summer.

Burton stated that the ribbon cutting at the skate park grand re-opening was very well attended and thanked Krista Bashaw for coordinating a great event.

CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 6:50 PM.