



MEDINA, WASHINGTON

PARK BOARD MEETING

Hybrid - Virtual/In-Person
Medina City Hall - Council Chambers
501 Evergreen Point Road, Medina, WA 98039
Monday, September 16, 2024 – 5:00 PM

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Chair Barbara Moe called the Park Board meeting to order in the Medina Council Chambers at 5:00 PM.

PRESENT

Board Chair Barbara Moe
Board Vice Chair Katie Surbeck (Online)
Board Member Dana Brekke (Online)
Board Member Collette McMullen
Board Member Gretchen Stengel
Board Member India Fitting-Koh (Online)
Board Member Michelle Lei
Board Member Mary Nelson
Emeritus Member Penny Martin

ABSENT

None

STAFF

Osada, Crickmore, Burns, Gidlof, and Kellerman

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS

2.1 Introduce New Park Board Member - Dana Brekke

Chair Moe introduced and welcomed new Park Board member Dana Brekke.

3. APPROVAL OF PARK BOARD MINUTES

ACTION: Motion McMullen second Stengel and carried by a 7:0 vote; the board adopted the Meeting Minutes of July 15, 2024.

3.1 Adopt Meeting Minutes of July 15, 2024

Recommendation: Adopt minutes.

Staff Contact: Dawn Nations, Deputy City Clerk

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chair Moe opened the public comment period. There were no speakers. Subsequently, public comments was closed.

5. **PARK BOARD BUSINESS**

5.1 Park Board Work Plan

Recommendation: Discussion and adopt work plan.

Staff Contact: Stephen R. Burns, City Manager

City Manager Steve Burns provided an update on the proposed Park Board Work Plan, noting that feedback so far has been limited, with only a single comment regarding maintenance concerns. He outlined the options available to the Council: 1) adopt the work plan as it stands, 2) request further clarification on the proposed tasks, or 3) suggest additional changes to the plan.

ACTION: Motion Stengel approve the Park Board Work Plan as proposed and forward to the City Council for review and final approval at their October meeting. This was seconded by McMullen and carried by a 7:0 vote.

5.2 Medina Days Pet Parade Recap

Chair Moe highlighted the success of the pet parade at Medina Days, noting its positive reception, strong turnout, and expressed appreciation of Officer Brady Halvorson and Sergeant Tyler Glenn as they served as judges for the event. Additionally, she thanked Board Member Brekke for her role in providing music and entertainment.

Vice Chair Surbeck praised the agility part of the event, noting its popularity and potential for future Medina Days events.

5.3 Fairweather Park - Goat Update

Recommendation: Update.

Staff Contact: Ryan Osada, Public Works Director

Director of Public Works Ryan Osada provided an update on the use of goats at Fairweather Nature Preserve. He reported that approximately 125 goats, along with four sheep and herding dogs, spent 19 days at the park, successfully clearing three to four acres of invasive ivy and blackberries. Osada explained the budget and cost-effectiveness of using goats over staff for maintenance.

Board Member India Fitting-Koh voiced concerns about the long-term effectiveness of using goats and their potential impact on native plants. She proposed adding Fairweather Nature Preserve to the Park Board Work Plan to explore additional solutions for eradicating the invasive species.

Board Member Dana Brekke commented on the use of goats and that she has a lot of experience with blackberry removal. She explained that if the blackberry shoots are consistently grazed, the roots will eventually starve and die off.

5.4 Fall Clean-up and/or Bulb Planting Event - Date TBD

The Board discussed the fall cleanup and bulb planting plans. With the success of last year's bulb planting, which resulted in many bulbs reemerging, the Park Board decided to shift focus this year to prioritize litter cleanup.

ACTION: By consensus, the board scheduled the fall cleanup for Wednesday, September 25th from 9:00 am to 11:00 am, meeting at Fairweather Park and Nature Preserve.

5.5 Christmas Ships Event Planning - Saturday, December 14, 2024

Chair Moe announced that the Christmas Ships event is scheduled for Saturday, December 14, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. She will contact the St. Thomas choir director to inquire about their participation, and Board Member Fitting-Koh will reach out to Medina Kitchen and Market.

The Board also discussed the fire pit, noting that it was not well-received. As a result, they decided to forgo the fire pit at future events, opting instead to focus on ambiance and safety.

6. **OTHER BUSINESS**

None.

7. **PARK REPORTS**

Fairweather & Lid
Points Loop Trail
Lake Lane
Medina Beach Park
Medina Park
Viewpoint Park

The board expressed satisfaction with the current state of the parks and trails. Director of Public Works Ryan Osada provided an update on the water lilies in the pond at Medina Park, noting that discussions are ongoing with the Department of Wildlife to obtain a variance for working outside the designated fish window period.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

Without objection, Park Board adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Meeting minutes taken by Aimee Kellerman, City Clerk