



PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES November 4, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

Chair McCarthy called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm via Zoom Online meeting.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Don Cohen, Jodi McCarthy, Rory Westberg, Sara Marxen, Sara Berkenwald, Peter Struck and Sara Berkenwald were present.

Absent:

Councilmember Jake Jacobson was present.

Steve Duh, Consultant, was present.

Staff present were Jessi Bon, Jason Kintner, Paul West, Ryan Daly, Merrill Thomas-Schadt and Raven Gillis.

APPEARANCES

None

REGULAR BUSINESS

1. Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the meetings were presented.

MOTION:

10/14 minutes- Westberg requested a clarification to bullet #1 of the October 14 minutes: add "for including the project but delaying the timing until after the completion of the proposed Mercerdale Master Plan".

Westberg motioned to amend the minutes, Cohen seconded.

Westberg motioned to approve both sets of minutes as amended. Cohen seconded.

Motion passed with one abstention (Burstein).

2. PROS Plan: Review Chapter 4 - Goals & Objectives and 2023-2028 Capital Improvement Program (CIP).

Duh presented on service standards of acreage per 1,000 residents and recommended dropping

1.10. Commissioners discussed other metrics that might be more applicable, and suggested

including population/acreage data elsewhere in the PROS Plan. Commissioners agreed on changing

1.10 to a metric of a community satisfaction rating for parks of 90% or higher.

Marxen left the meeting at 6:12PM

A number of considerations were discussed to amend goal language in the Comments Matrix for Chapter 4. These were:

- 3.15 Commissioners agreed to adopt language proposed in presentation
- 3.6 Commissioners agreed to remove term 'impervious surface'
- Commissioners agreed to proposed language to evaluate the transfer of some or all open space areas to the Open Space Conservancy Trust.
- 1.7 Commissioners agreed to proposed language about gender equity at athletic facilities.
- 3.5 Commissioners agreed to proposed language to add line about environmental education.
- 3.2 Commissioners agreed to proposed language to add line about parking at open space areas.
- Jacobson suggested that safety be mentioned in the goals chapter. It was added to 1.3.
- 6.3 Commissioners agreed to proposed language to add 'arts performance and events.'
- 7.3 Commissioners agreed to proposed language to add 'and community.'
- 8.2 Commissioners agreed to proposed language to add 'pursue.'
- 8.6 Commissions agreed to amended language about economic initiatives related to P&R services.
- Commissioner Struck offered amendments in goal 7, reflected in the tracked draft copy.

BREAK at 7:25PM

Berkenwald left the meeting at 7:30PM

Bon presented on the CIP revenue forecasting and differing types of revenue sources.

Bon presented CIP developed as part of the PROS Plan.

3. Summer Camp 2021 Review

No presentation. No questions.

OTHER BUSINESS

4. Commission Meeting Update

Daly summarized upcoming meeting topics in the near future.

5. Department Report and Update

Daly will email to Commission.

6. Commissioner Reports

Struck gave Kudos to Paul West for the LBP Docks project referenced in the MI Reporter. Struck read kudos sent to the Commission from Councilmember Jacobson.

Cohen spotted a salmon at a street end park!

ADJOURNMENT at 8:41PM