



PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES December 1, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Chair Jodi McCarthy, Vice Chair Peter Struck, and Commissioners Rory Westberg, Don Cohen, Paul Burstein, Sara Marxen, and Ashley Hay were present for the Parks & Recreation Commission.

Staff present were Jason Kintner, Alaine Sommargren, Ryan Daly, Sam Harb, Sarah Bluvas, Eleanor Knight, and Raven Gillis.

APPEARANCES

1. Ryan Cudney shared input on Bike Skills Area
2. Katie Bunker shared input on Bike Skills Area
3. Karen Grove shared input on Bike Skills Area
4. Brian Shiers shared input on Bike Skills Area
5. Jay Greer shared input on Bike Skills Area
6. Nancy Highiet Morse shared input on Bike Skills Area

DEPARTMENT REPORT

1. Division Manager Ryan Daly reported on the following items:

- Mercer Island Community & Event Center – Maintenance Closure 12/19/22 – 1/2/23
- MICEC Fitness Room – OPEN!
- 2023 MICEC Operating Hours
- Aubrey Davis Trail Safety Improvement Project *Update*
- Upcoming Restoration Events
- Park Maintenance and Natural Resources
- Illuminate MI -Tree Lighting & Firehouse Munch returns December 2nd
- Thank you Sponsors! - The Mercer Apartments (Title Sponsor, the MI Community Fund, Stroum Jewish Community Center, ArtsWA & NEA

REGULAR BUSINESS

2. Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the November 3, 2022 Regular Meeting were presented.

It was moved by Westberg; seconded by Burstein to:

Approve the minutes from the November 3, 2022 meeting

Passed: 7 – 0

3. Bike Skills Area Update & Conceptual Design

Jason Kintner, Chief of Operations, and Alaine Sommargren, Deputy Public Works Director, and consultants presented. Commissioners reviewed the presentation, asked questions, engaged in discussion, and provided feedback.

Recess from 7:06 pm to 7:16 pm

4. Gift Acceptance Policy

Ryan Daly, Division Manager, and Eleanor Knight, Recreation Coordinator, facilitated discussion referencing a matrix of questions and recommendations received by staff from the Commission. Chair McCarthy led discussion and gained consensus regarding policy elements. Commissioners engaged in discussion, provided input, and consensus on policy elements.

It was moved by Westberg; seconded by Burstein to:

Endorse the Gift Acceptance Policy

Passed: 6 – 1

5. Recreation Division: 2022 Services Update / 2023 Proposed Services

Ryan Daly, Division Manager, provided an update.

OTHER BUSINESS

6. 2022-2023 Planning Schedule Update

Ryan Daly, Division Manager, provided an update. Commissioner Cohen shared concern regarding the January agenda and the sizable items included, as well as the timeline for material generation.

7. Commissioner Reports / Work Plan Update

Councilmember Reynolds recognized the PRC for their thoughtful work and extended his appreciation to everyone for their service to the city.

Chair McCarthy reminded everyone about the Tree Lighting and Firehouse Munch tomorrow night.

ADJOURNMENT at 8:49 PM