



PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES January 7, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Don Cohen, Jodi McCarthy, Lyn Gualtieri, Sara Berkenwald, Amy Richter and Peter Struck were present. Commissioner Rory Westberg was absent.

City Council Liaison Jake Jacobson and Emily Moon, Consultant was present.

Staff present were Ryan Daly, Operations Transition Team Manager, Paul West, CIP Project Manager, Tammy Bodmer Interim HR Coordinator, Jason Kintner, Public Works Director, Katie Herzog, Recreation & Operations Coordinator and Merrill Thomas-Schadt, Recreation & Operations Coordinator.

APPEARANCES

1. Fred Glick – Presented opportunity for tree grove donation in Aubrey Davis Park and requested staff-review resources for the project.
2. Callie Ridolfi – League of Women voter's climate project and their effort to assist Mercer Island in meeting its climate goals through public engagement.
3. Katie Hopkins – had issues logging in. will return to her.

REGULAR BUSINESS

1. Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the December 3, 2020 meeting was presented.

MOTION:

Commissioner Cohen motioned to accept the minutes from the December 3, 2020 meeting as presented. Commissioner Struck seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

2. Recreation Reset - Immediate Action Plan

Daly introduced the Recreation Reset/Recovery Team to the Commissioners. He then introduced Emily Moon, Consultant. Moon gave presentation laying out the planning process to recover and reset Recreation programs and services. (Attached).

3. Luther Burbank Docks Reconfigure/Repair (LBDR) – Continued

West requested input from Commissioners to confirm evaluation criteria.

MOTION:

Commissioner Cohen motioned to allow public appearance #3. Commissioner Richter seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

Appearance from Katie Hopkins – Questions regarding cell towers at Lake Ridge

Break

3. **Cont. Luther Burbank Docks Reconfigure/Repair (LBDR)** Continued.

After the break, the conversation continued regarding Luther Burbank Docks Reconfigure/Repair (LBDR). Commissioners engaged in discussion regarding various criteria and level of priority that criteria should have. The Commission confirmed the evaluation criteria. (Attachments with agenda packet)

4. **2021 Work Plan and Schedule**

Daly presented the P&R work plan and schedule. The Commissioners confirmed workplan and schedule. They also confirmed the process for the Commission to develop a preferred concept for the LBDR project by way of committee which will present to PRC at later date. Chair Westberg will appoint commissioners to the subcommittee based on response of interest. (Workplan attached)

Commissioner Berkenwald excused herself for the remainder of the meeting.

MOTION:

Commissioner Cohen motioned to extend the meeting at 7:35 for a period of 15 minutes. Commissioner Struck seconded the motion (5-0 Berkenwald) .

Motion passed unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS

5. **Department Report & Update**

Daly presented the department report. (Attached)

6. **Commissioner Reports/Work Plan Updates:**

- Richter – Shared positive experience regarding Snake Hill BMX park (Upper Luther Burbank Park) and community collaboration around usage.
- Cohen – Shared about fishing with his grandsons at Luther Burbank Park around Christmas time and how he left empty handed.
- Gualtieri – Shared concerns regarding off leash dog park at Luther Burbank Park and her concern with the quality/height of the fence.
- Struck – Congratulated Jacobson on his reconfirmation as Council Liaison. Requested a presentation regarding resources for wildfire control in parks.

The next regular scheduled meeting is 2/4/2021 at 5:30 pm via Zoom technology.

ADJOURNMENT at 7:44 pm