



PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

June 1, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

Chair McCarthy called the meeting to order at 5:00pm via Zoom Online meeting.

ROLL CALL

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

Staff present were City Manager Jessi Bon, Management Analyst Cassidy Berlin, Recreation Manager Ryan Daly, Recreation Supervisor Katie Herzog, Recreation Facilities Supervisor Alex Lee, and Recreation Specialist Raven Gillis.

APPEARANCES

1. Nancy Highiet Morse commented on the Bike Skills Area.
2. Danielle Laskey commented on the Bike Skills Area.
3. Karen Grove commented on the Bike Skills Area.
4. Jacob R. Laskey commented on the Bike Skills Area.

DEPARTMENT REPORT

1. City Manager Jessi Bon and Recreation Manager Ryan Daly reported on the following items:

- Summer Celebration!
- *Mercer Island Medallions* Engagement Opportunities
- Upcoming Events!
- Riley Cove Dedication
- Maintenance & Operations Update
- Mercer Island P-Patch "Community Garden"
- Project Update: Luther Burbank Park Sport Courts Renovation
- Project Update: Bike Skills Area
- Project Update: Groveland & Clarke Beach Master Plans
- Project Update: Mercerdale Park Master Plan
- City Hall Closure (Update)

REGULAR BUSINESS

2. Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the May 4, 2023 Regular Meeting were presented.

It was moved by Burstein; seconded by Hay to:

Approve the minutes from the May 4, 2023 meeting

Passed: 7 – 0

3. Review of Criteria for the draft City Council Park Area Naming Policy

City Manager Jessi Bon, Recreation, Management Analyst Cassidy Berlin, and Recreation Manager Ryan Daly presented. Commissioners asked questions, engaged in discussion, and provided input on section “2.0 Naming Criteria” and section “3.0 Disqualifying Criteria” to guide further development of the draft City Council Park Area Naming Policy.

4. 2022 Recreation Division Annual Report

Recreation Manager Ryan Daly, Recreation Supervisor Katie Herzog, and Recreation Facility Supervisor presented. Commissioners received the report.

OTHER BUSINESS

5. King County Library System Presentation Recap

Commissioners provided input.

6. 2023 Planning Schedule Update

Recreation Manager Ryan Daly provided an update.

7. Commissioner Reports / Work Plan Update

Commissioner Westberg thanked Chair McCarthy for providing the guidance and leadership of the Parks & Rec Commission for the past 2 years.

Commissioner Burstein also expressed his appreciation for Chair McCarthy’s leadership and management of the Commission. Commissioner Burstein also shared reflections from his mid-morning walk through Pioneer Park; the serenity, lushness of late spring, the symphony of birds chirping, and how grateful he is to live here.

Commissioner Hay reported on her first visit to the P-Patch this past week and found the gardens to be beautiful, peaceful, and well maintained. Hay encouraged anyone who hasn’t visited, to visit the P-Patch.

ADJOURNMENT at 6:47 PM