



PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES April 1, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

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

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

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

APPEARANCES

No appearances

REGULAR BUSINESS

1. Approve Meeting Minutes of the March 4 and March 18, 2021

Recommended Action: Approve minutes.

Motion passed unanimously.

2. Recreation Reset Plan (Cont.)

Recommended Action:

1) Endorse the Strategy for Mercer Island Community Center & Recreation Programs and Services **(with scrivener's edits described to the commission)** and recommend City Council's endorsement of the same.

Cohen motioned; McCarthy seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

2) Recommend City Council ~~consider allocating~~ **allocate** all resources necessary to successfully implement the Phase 1 'accelerated' proposal.

McCarthy motioned; Berkenwald seconded

Motion passed unanimously.

3) Approve the recommendation memo and authorize the chair to transmit it to the Mercer Island City Council.

Richter motioned; Berkenwald seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

Cohen requested clarification about the wording of the second motion: "Recommend City Council consider allocating..." or "Recommend City Council allocate...". Moon stated that the word choice was not intentional, and that the language motion could be amended when the motion is made. Jacobson offered that that Council is thus far supportive of the direction of the motions; and urged

clarity in Council materials for an efficient process. Discussion was held about the upcoming presentation to City Council and how to effectively present the material to Council and the community.

3. Luther Burbank Dock Repair/Reconfigure (LBDR) Project

Recommended Action:

1) Approve the concept design;

Richter motioned; Berkenwald seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

2) Approve the recommendation memo to City Council with proposed addition by Cohen and forward to City Council.

Struck motioned; Richter seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

West presented background and responses from Subcommittee raised during discussion at the previous Commission meeting. Commissioners discussed context to decisions about design.

BREAK 6:25-6:30PM

4. Mercedale Playground Update

Kintner presented background and project updates thus far. Richter encouraged ways to increase public input and volunteered to notify PTA groups on the Island. Richter asked about the concrete “walls” in current playground. Kintner clarified that the outer wall would remain, the design would attempt to remove or mitigate the inside wall to improve access. Westberg asked about the current status of the design. Kintner stated that public input has increased recently and the design process will slow down accordingly to ensure feedback is received. Kintner referenced an April 14 meeting for community input. Richter asked if the meeting would require registration to take part; West replied no.

5. Commission Planning and Meeting Schedule Update

No updates from Daly.

6. Department Report and Updates

Daly presented updates.

7. Commissioner Report and Workplan Updates

None.

MEETING ADJOURNED 7:10PM