



PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

May 4, 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 Recreation Manager Ryan Daly, Senior CIP Project Manager Paul West and Recreation Specialist Raven Gillis.

APPEARANCES

No public appearances

DEPARTMENT REPORT

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

- City Hall Closure
- Annual Boards & Commissions Recruitment Underway
- Improving Processes – MICEC
- Bike Skills Area – Update
- Luther Burbank Park Projects (Grants)
- Leap For Green Earth Day Fair – April 22!
- Mercer Island Farmers Market
- Summer Celebration! – Sponsorship Opportunities

REGULAR BUSINESS

2. Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the March 2, 2023 Regular Meeting were presented.

It was moved by Cohen; seconded by Struck to:

Amend the minutes on agenda item 3. Aubrey Davis Park Trail Safety Improvement Project 30% Design: by inserting additional wording to add after the word staff before the motion, "Option 3 would improve the existing 72nd Avenue overpass trail intersection but would not create a new round-about feature."; and to include this sentence following the motion vote: Chair McCarthy indicated that the PRC task force comprised of her and Commissioners Cohen and Hay will revise the draft hand-off memo to Council for discussion at the next PRC meeting.

Passed: 7 – 0

It was moved by Westberg; seconded by Hay to:

Approve the amended minutes from the March 2, 2023 meeting

Passed: 7 – 0

3. King County Library System Mercer Island Branch – Annual Update

Recreation Manager Ryan Daly and KCLS representatives Brian Candelori and John Sheller presented. Commissioners reviewed the presentation and asked questions.

4. Aubrey Davis Park Trail Safety Improvement Project 30% Design

Senior CIP Project Manager Paul West presented. Commissioners reviewed the presentation and asked questions.

It was moved by Burstein; seconded by Westberg to:

Approve the 30% design recommendation and;

Approve the transmittal memo and authorize the chair to submit the memo and recommendation to the City Council.

Passed: 7 – 0

OTHER BUSINESS

5. 2023 Planning Schedule Update

Recreation Manager Ryan Daly provided an update.

6. Commissioner Reports / Work Plan Update

Struck recognized community members working with Ryan and the Recreation staff to reinvigorate the 55+ Golf Group and extended an invite to the Commissioners as it's a great way to meet community members.

Hay extended her appreciation to Paul West and all those involved for their hard work in helping to secure the Luther Burbank Park grant funding. Hay also commented on how she visited the South Mercer Playfields this past weekend and acknowledged the work put into how beautiful these fields are.

Chair McCarthy also noted how she was at a soccer game last week at the South Mercer Playfields and really enjoyed seeing all the fields being utilized by a variety of athletic sport groups (soccer, baseball, lacrosse). Chair McCarthy also appreciated how she often notices the community enjoying Mercedale and Train Park.

ADJOURNMENT at 6:09 PM