



PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

March 2, 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, and Ashley Hay were present for the Parks & Recreation Commission.

Commissioner Sarah Marxen was absent.

Staff present were Chief of Operations Jason Kintner, Recreation Manager Ryan Daly, Senior CIP Project Manager Paul West, CIP Project Manager Sarah Bluvas, and Recreation Specialist Raven Gillis.

APPEARANCES

1. Kelly Sim commented on Pickleball and the Luther Burbank Park Sport Courts Renovation.
2. Jessica Prince commented on Pickleball and the Luther Burbank Park Sport Courts Renovation.

DEPARTMENT REPORT

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

- Staffing Updates
- Island Lanterns @ Mercedale
- Good News: Luther Burbank Docks Project
- Calling All Mercer Island Artists
- Maintenance and Operations Update: Turf Blanket Pilot
- Leap for Green Fair Returns
- Summer Celebration Sponsors Needed
- Slumber Party at the Mercer Island Community and Event Center

REGULAR BUSINESS

It was moved by Struck; seconded by Cohen to:

Add an agenda item: Clarification on the Parks & Recreation Commission's recommendation to the city council for the 30% design of the Bike Skills Area

Passed: 6 – 0

2. Approval of Minutes

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

It was moved by Struck; seconded by Hay to:

Approve the minutes from the February 2, 2023 meeting

Passed: 6 – 0

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

CIP Project Manager Paul West, Cristina Strand from WSDOT, and consultants Bryce Corrigan, Liz Gibson, and Nandez Miller presented. Commissioners reviewed the presentation, asked questions, and provided feedback to staff.

It was moved by Hay; seconded by Struck to:

Include the Option 3 intersection design in the 30% design package. Option 3 would improve the existing 72nd Avenue overpass trail intersection but would not create a new round-about feature.

Passed: 6 – 0

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.

Staff will present the updated 30% design to the Commission as an agenda item at a future meeting.

4. Luther Burbank Park Sport Courts Renovation

CIP Project Manager Sarah Bluvas and consultant Eric Gold from DA Hogan presented. Commissioners reviewed the presentation and asked questions.

It was moved by Burstein; seconded by Westberg to:

Approve the recommendation to amend the project scope to convert a third Luther Burbank tennis court to pickleball use.

Passed: 6 – 0

5. Parks & Recreation Commission's request for clarification on their recommendation to the City Council for the 30% design of the Bike Skill Area

Staff answered Commissioners' questions and received their comments.

It was moved by Cohen; seconded by Hay to:

Request Staff bring back the Commissions' recommendation on the Bike Skills Area access trails to the Parks & Recreation Commission for action before commencing construction.

Failed: 2 – 4

It was moved by Hay; seconded by Burstein to:

Recommend to City Council that the entrance to the west of the tennis courts be an access trail to the Bike Skills Area as opposed to the east of the tennis courts, with a preference of a north entrance as well.

Failed: 3 – 3

It was moved by Westberg; seconded by Burstein to:

Endorse the west trail as the preferred option to access the Bike Skills Area

Passed: 4 – 2

OTHER BUSINESS

6. 2023 Planning Schedule Update

Recreation Manager Ryan Daly provided an update noting the April meeting will be rescheduled (date TBD) due to the regularly scheduled meeting date landing on a holiday.

ADJOURNMENT at 7:53 PM