



PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES March 3, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Don Cohen, Jodi McCarthy, Rory Westberg, Sara Marxen, Sara Berkenwald, Paul Burstein and Peter Struck were present.

Councilmember Craig Reynolds was present.

Emily Moon, Consultant, was present.

King County Library System staff Lisa Rosenblum, Executive Director, and Angie Miraflor, Deputy Director for Public Services, were present

Staff present were Ryan Daly, Katie Herzog and Raven Gillis.

APPEARANCES

1. Meg Lippert provided input on the Mercer Island Library.
2. Ira Appleman provided input on the Mercer Island Library.
3. Sue Stewart provided input on the Special Event policy, and the Bike Skills Area.
4. Robin Russell provided input on the Mercer Island Library.
5. Anthony Hargreaves provided input on the Bike Skills Area.
6. Rachel Holloway provided input on the Bike Skills Area.
7. Ronan Holloway-Lamb provided input on the Bike Skills Area.

DEPARTMENT REPORT

Ryan Daly presented. Vice Chair Struck was invited to provide the Commissioners with updates on the City Council meeting's unanimous approval of the Luther Burbank Docks 30% design.

REGULAR BUSINESS

1. Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the February 3, 2022 Regular Meeting were presented.

Staff noted the minutes will be updated to show Commissioner Berkenwald attended the meeting.

MOTION:

Cohen moved to amend the minutes for the discussion related to the Luther Burbank Docks 30% Design to "The Commission engaged in discussion. This included, among other things, the timing of recommending the 30% design to Council prior to resolution of certain issues on which staff would be working with a specialized consultant and requested the hand-off memo include further

explanation on the purpose of the mats at Cobble Beach, passive recreation, and what constitutes a small power boat.”

Motion passed unanimously

2. Mercer Island Library – Annual Update

King County Library System staff Lisa Rosenblum, Executive Director, and Angie Mirafior, Deputy Director for Public Services, presented. Commissioners asked questions and engaged in discussion with much of the discussion focused on the scheduling of operating hours, as well as community engagement.

3. Endorsement of Special Events Sponsorship Policy and Other Special Events Recommendations

Katie Herzog and Emily Moon presented.

Chair McCarthy was dropped from the meeting at 6:50pm due to technical difficulties with her computer. Vice Chair Struck resumed meeting.

MOTION:

Westberg moved to endorse the Special Events Sponsorship Policy and recommend for City Council approval. Burstein seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously (Chair McCarthy absent)

Herzog presented Other Special Events Recommendations. Commissioners engaged in discussion on the use of the word “endorse” when motioning to support staff’s recommendations.

MOTION:

Westberg moved to support the following Staff recommendations concerning special events and to share those recommendations with City Council.

- Continue to encourage Neighborhood Block Parties by limiting permitting requirements
- Establish a First amendment or Free Speech event notification form and related practices
- Create three categories of special events (apart from the block parties & First Amendment events)
- Codify the sponsorship program and establish that there are a finite number of City-organized and City-run special events (as delineated in the budget each year).
- Staff’s commitment to report back to the Commission and Council on the results of implementing these actions.

Chair McCarthy rejoined the meeting at 7:07pm
Chair McCarthy seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously

OTHER BUSINESS

4. Planning & Meeting Schedule Update

Daly presented updates to the schedule.

5. Commissioner Reports / Work Plan Update

No reports or updates

ADJOURNMENT at 7:12 PM