



PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION REGULAR HYBRID MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, September 5, 2024 at 5:00 PM

COMMISSIONERS

Chair Peter Struck
Vice Chair Paul Burstein
Commissioners: Jodi McCarthy, Don Cohen
Sara Marxen, Rory Westberg, and Ashley Hay

LOCATION

MICEC – Slater Room Council Chambers
and via Zoom
8236 SE 24th Street | Mercer Island, WA 98040
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Join by Telephone at 5:00 PM: Call **253.215.8782** and enter Webinar ID **825 9108 6996** and Password **896196**.

Join by Internet at 5:00 PM:

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Join in person at 5:00 PM: Mercer Island Community & Event Center - 8236 SE 24th Street, Mercer Island

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL – 5:00 PM

APPEARANCES

This is the opportunity for anyone to speak to the Commission about issues of concern.

STAFF LIAISON REPORT

1. Staff Liaison Report and Planning Schedule

REGULAR BUSINESS

2. Approve the minutes of the July 11, 2024 Special Hybrid Meeting
Recommended Action: Approve minutes.
3. PRC 24-11: Park Tour
Recommended Action: None; discussion only.

OTHER BUSINESS

4. Absences and Commissioner Reports

ADJOURNMENT



City of Mercer Island Parks and Recreation Commission

Department Report September 5, 2024



Pride in the Park

- The Aug. 24 Mercer Island Pride in the Park event was a success, despite the challenging weather.
- The community spirit truly shone through!
- Activities, included lively music from an enthusiastic band, food vendors, and a fantastic RuPAWS Puppy Parade and Costume Contest.
- It was terrific to see participants of all ages coming together to celebrate and we thank Mercer Island Pride+ for their partnership in this event.



Luther Burbank Sports Court Renovation



- **Good news!** Construction has resumed!
- As a reminder, we uncovered failing subgrade in July, and construction paused while we developed a plan to remediate the base for asphalt paving.
- This work is extensive and required a significant change order, which was approved by City Council on Tuesday night.
- FieldTurf has already removed all the remaining asphalt and started excavating the weak soils.
- Staff anticipate the courts will reopen for pickleball play by mid-October.
- Weekly updates available on Let's Talk: <https://www.mercerisland.gov/lbpcourts>

Playground Replacements

- New play equipment for Roanoke Park was delivered last month!
- The equipment is being stored at Public Works while permitting and the construction timeline are finalized.
- The playground replacement for First Hill Park is also progressing. Berger is finalizing materials to start the permitting process and working with staff to order equipment.
- Planning for Deane's Children's Park is on the horizon. Stay tuned!



Art Uncorked

Item 1.

- Mercer Island's First Friday Art Walk is set to coincide with the annual **Art Uncorked** event for an evening of fun - catch both events on **September 7** for a creative exploration of art, wine, and more in Town Center.
- Art Uncorked will feature a tasting garden, live music, and food. See the schedule and get your tickets on the event website.

<https://www.mercerislandartuncorked.com/>



The poster features a central graphic of a wine cork with a vibrant, multi-colored ribbon (orange, yellow, red, purple, blue) spiraling around it. To the left of the cork, the words "Music", "Art", "Food", "Wine", and "Tasting" are stacked vertically in a pink, sans-serif font. The main title "Mercer Island Art 2024 UnCorked" is prominently displayed in the center-right, with "Mercer Island" in purple, "Art 2024" in blue and pink, and "UnCorked" in large blue letters. Below the title, the date and time "Saturday, September 7th 3:00pm-7:00pm" are written in purple. At the bottom, it specifies "21+ Event Only" and lists activities: "20+ Wineries, Food Trucks, Artisan Booths, Music, Photo Booth, Games and More!". The top right corner includes the title sponsor logo for "THE MERCER APARTMENT HOMES" and the text "Title Sponsor".

Title Sponsor

THE MERCER
APARTMENT HOMES

Presented by Mercer Island Chamber

Mercer Island
Art 2024
UnCorked

Music
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Saturday, September 7th
3:00pm-7:00pm

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Mid-Autumn Festival

- The City has partnered with the Mercer Island Chinese Association to bring the Mid-Autumn Festival to the Community Center on **September 22 from 10am – 2pm.**
- This event will be filled with beautiful lanterns, delicious mooncakes, incredible performances, fun games and activities for the entire family.
- For more information, visit: <https://www.michinese.org/>



Summer Recap

Thank you to everyone who participated in making this summer unforgettable – whether you attended one of the seven **Mostly Music** in the Park concerts, contributed or participated in **Summer Celebration**, saw a **Shakespeare in the Park** performance, joined **Juneteenth** or **Pride in the Park**, enrolled in a **summer camp** or stopped by the **Community Center** – you’ve all made Mercer Island vibrant, fun, and a special place to be!



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Thank you to our Summer event sponsors!

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Mercer Island Martial Arts

John L. Scott

Parent Map

Belle Harbour

Mercer Island City Lifestyle

Island Animal Hospital

Windermere

Abode Consulting

Puget Sound Energy

Baklinski Home

Improvement

Mercer Island Community
Fund

The Mercer

Pure Food Fish Market

Island Books

Island Treats

Mercer Island School District

Haka Hat

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4Culture

Mercer Island Visual Arts
League

MIHS Black Student Union

Pride+



Parks and Recreation Planning Schedule

October 3- Canceled

October 8 Special Meeting

- Park Zone planning

November 7

- Park Zone planning
- Recreation Policy Implementation Review

December 5

- Park Zone Planning
- Parks Capital Projects Update





Thank
You



PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION SPECIAL HYBRID MEETING MINUTES July 11, 2024

CALL TO ORDER

The Parks & Recreation Commission was called to order by Chair Struck at 5:00 pm.

ROLL CALL

Chair Peter Struck, Vice Chair Paul Burstein, and Commissioners Jodi McCarthy, Rory Westberg, Don Cohen, Ashley Hay, and Sara Marxen were present for the Parks & Recreation Commission. Council Liaison Craig Reynolds was present.

Recreation Manager Ryan Daly, Parks Operations Manager Sam Harb, Senior CIP Project Manager Paul West, CIP Project Manager Sarah Bluvus, and Recreation Specialist Raven Gillis were present.

APPEARANCES

No Public Appearances

STAFF LIAISON REPORT

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

- Parks & Natural Resources Updates
- Luther Burbank Sports Court Renovation
- Luther Burbank Boiler Building
- First Hill Park Playground Replacement
- Special Events:
 - Shakespeare in the Park
 - Juneteenth
 - Community Center Events
 - Summer Camps
 - Summer Celebration!
 - Mostly Music in the Park
- Planning Schedule – No meeting in August

SPECIAL BUSINESS

2. Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the June 6, 2024 Regular Meeting were presented.

It was moved by McCarthy; seconded by Westberg to:

Approve the minutes from the June 6, 2024 Regular Meeting

Passed: 7 – 0

3. PRC 24-10: Luther Burbank Park Tour

Sr. CIP Project Manager Paul West led the Commissioners and Staff on a tour of Luther Burbank Park to review past and current projects, and to discuss future needs.

Luther Burbank Park Tour from 5:14pm to 6:35pm

At 5:14pm Commissioner Marxen left the meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

4. Absences and Commissioner Reports

ADJOURNMENT at 6:36 PM

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PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION CITY OF MERCER ISLAND

PRC 24-11
September 5, 2024
Regular Business

AGENDA BILL INFORMATION

TITLE:	PRC 24-11: Park Tour	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discussion Only <input type="checkbox"/> Action Needed: <input type="checkbox"/> Motion <input type="checkbox"/> Recommendation
RECOMMENDED ACTION:	None; discussion only.	

STAFF:	Ryan Daly, Recreation Manager Sam Harb, Parks Operations Manager Carson Hornsby, Management Analyst II
EXHIBITS:	N/A

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Parks and Recreation Commission (PRC) will accompany City staff on a tour of park properties and other sites in preparation for the development of the Parks Zone. The PRC will begin discussion on the Parks Zone in fall 2024 with the goal of providing a recommendation to the Planning Commission (PC) in 2025.

BACKGROUND

The City Council added the creation of a new Parks Zone to the 2024 Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update scope of work with [Resolution No. 1621](#) as part of a periodic update required by the Washington Growth Management Act (GMA). A preliminary draft Parks Zone was presented to the PRC on [January 4, 2024](#), and to the Planning Commission on [January 24, 2024](#). After receiving feedback from both commissions and residents, the City Manager directed staff to pause the legislative review process and return the draft Parks Zone to the PRC for further review. At the [March 7, 2024](#) PRC meeting, the PRC and two members of the Open Space Conservancy Trust (OSCT) Board provided a recommendation to separate the zoning work into two zones: one for open space and another for parks.

The PRC and OSCT worked collaboratively on the development of the Open Space Zone and approved a joint recommendation to the PC at the [May 8, 2024](#) PC Meeting. The PC held a public hearing regarding the Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update on [May 29, 2024](#). The PC will hold another public hearing on September 25, 2024 regarding the Open Space Zone code amendment. The City Council is expected to review the PC’s Open Space Zone recommendation in Q4 2024.

The PRC will begin discussion on the Parks Zone this fall. The Parks Zone is expected to be included in the 2025 Comprehensive Plan Annual Update.

ISSUE/DISCUSSION

The [Parks, Recreation, and Open Space \(PROS\) Plan](#) provides an inventory and classification of parks and open space lands in chapter 5. Each park classification defines the site’s function, amenities, and recreational uses that serve as general guidelines addressing the size and use of each park. The classification system is important because some parks are more developed with athletic facilities and buildings while other parks are less developed with some containing areas that are maintained in the same manner as Open Space. Staff

recommends commissioners review the PROS Plan inventory and classifications and familiarize themselves with the characteristics and amenities of each park.

The September 5 PRC meeting will consist of a tour of park properties and other sites in preparation for the development of the Parks Zone. The PRC and City staff will travel in City vans to visit six locations and discuss how the Parks Zone relates to each property. The tour will provide an opportunity for commissioners to see the conditions of each site in-person to develop a deeper understanding of the City's diverse park system. The tour is expected last approximately two hours.

Tour Itinerary:

1. Mercer Island Community and Event Center (8236 SE. 24th St.)
2. Lincoln Landing (76th Ave Se.)
3. Aubrey Davis Park (2030 72nd Ave Se.)
4. Mercerdale Park (3009 77th Ave Se.)
5. Island Crest Park (5500 Island Crest Way)
6. Clarke Beach (SE 76th St.)

NEXT STEPS

No action is expected to be taken by the PRC during this meeting.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

None; discussion only.