



## **PARKS & EVENTS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES MARCH 18, 2024**

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*This meeting was conducted in person and remotely but was not recorded due to technical difficulties.*

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Commission Chair Emily Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

**Commission Members:** Vice Chair Paul Sweum and Scott Vermeulen.

**City Staff:**

Jeff Hamlin, Interim Parks & Public Works Director; Dylan Gamble, CIP Project Manager; and Nicole Wiebe, Community Liaison.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** (Public comment was accepted by in-person attendees. Remote attendees may submit written comments to the staff liaison): Ruby Daley submitted public comment regarding a dog park in Snoqualmie. Paul Sweum, as citizen, not commissioner provided two comments, recognizing the recent passing of a member of the Snoqualmie restaurant community, and a statement on impact vs. intent.

**AGENDA APPROVAL:** The agenda was approved with an additional agenda item, “Commission stability and continuity plan” at the request of Commissioner Vermeulen

**COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT:** None

**MINUTES:** The minutes dated January 16, 2024, and February 20, 2024, were approved as presented.

### **REGULAR BUSINESS**

1. Commission Stability and Continuity: Commissioner Vermeulen provided input and suggestions to the commission procedures:
  - Term Expiration: Stagger dates in the calendar rather than all in the month of December
  - Length of Terms: Currently four years, current proposed by City, two years, Parks and Events Commission propose three years. This would allow for transition, training, and knowledge.
  - Communication of Changes: Provide Chair with a heads up, suggested 30 days that a commissioner’s service/appointment is ending.
2. All-Inclusive Playground – Centennial Park Update: Construction is nearing completion. Ribbon cutting celebration tentatively scheduled for the end of April, early May 2024.
3. Community Center Expansion Update: Gathering information and data from the community. Funding gap, City of working with developer to sharpen the pencil.
4. PROST Plan Update and Open House: Wrapping up the stakeholder feedback. The online survey feedback, 300+ provided comments. Map was a great tool.

**SPECIAL EVENTS REPORT:** Update provided by Nicole Wiebe, Community Liaison and included: Upcoming Spring egg hunt events, calendar of City Community events marketing piece included in March utility insert, website highlights, and tulip planting Downtown.

**FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION:**

Add Model Train Museum update April meeting, as well, as the March meeting items.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

*Minutes taken by Nicole Wiebe, Community Liaison*

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*Minutes approved at the April 15, 2024, Parks & Events Commission Meeting.*