



**PARKS & EVENTS COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 21, 2023**

This meeting was conducted in person and remotely using teleconferencing technology provided by Zoom

CALL TO ORDER

Commission Chair Sweum called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Commission Members: Chair Paul Sweum, and Commissioners Emily Anderson, Ryan Pryor, and Scott Vermeulen.

It was moved by Commissioner Vermeulen, seconded by Commissioner Pryor to:

Excuse Commissioner Heather Palmerini's absence at this evening's meeting.

PASSED: 4-0 (Sweum, Anderson, Pryor, Vermeulen)

Councilmember Ethan Benson was present.

City Staff:

Mike Chambless, Interim City Administrator; Deana Dean, City Clerk; and Nicole Wiebe, Community Liaison (remote).

AGENDA APPROVAL:

It was moved by Commissioner Pryor, seconded by Commissioner Anderson to:

Approve the agenda.

PASSED: 4-0 (Sweum, Anderson, Pryor, Vermeulen)

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT: CM Benson noted there were a lot of updates on big projects that will be discussed later in the meeting and encouraged the commissioners to attend council committee meetings, if they are able, and provide feedback to him which he will take back to council as the liaison to this commission.

MINUTES:

It was moved by Commissioner Vermeulen, seconded by Commissioner Pryor to:

Approve the July 17, 2023, minutes.

PASSED: 4-0 (Sweum, Anderson, Pryor, Vermeulen)

REGULAR BUSINESS

- Updates:
 - Community Center Expansion: At last Monday's Council meeting, the \$1.7 million design task order and complete contract for the design build was approved. Chambless brought up a conceptual plan design of the exterior and an online photo of the interior which was an example of the Mt Vernon YMCA. Discussion followed.
 - Splash Pad: Chambless noted this was also on last Monday's Council meeting but the meeting ran late so it will be heard at the next meeting on August 28, 2023, for approval of the equipment and construction of the splashpad. Opening is anticipated for July 2024.
 - Model Train Museum: Chambless noted this was also on last Monday's Council meeting which had lengthy discussion but was continued to the next meeting on August 28, 2023. Discussion followed.
 - The Line Experience: This item was approved at last Monday's Council meeting for a ground lease for bicycle rentals at Snoqualmie Point Park. Brief discussion followed.
 - Trail Network – trail maintenance and signage: Discussion about bridge and trail work completed and to be scheduled noting that some items will be repaired in 2024. Chambless noted the PROST plan has been contracted with Kimley Horn and they will be conducting an inventory of all the trails, etc., including community surveys to be completed within one year.

SPECIAL EVENTS REPORT: Update provided by Nicole Wiebe, Community Liaison, and included:

- The next event is the September 9th International Block Party which is a partnership between the city and chamber.
- Successful music and movies in the park this summer. Brief discussion on attendance and overall satisfaction at the locations.
- Planning is underway for the holiday, tree lighting, and the holiday lights.

FUTURE DISCUSSION:

- Summary of Commission Accomplishments for 2023 – presentation at November 13, 2023, City Council Meeting. This item to be added to the next agenda for discussion.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Minutes taken by Deana Dean, City Clerk

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Minutes approved at the September 18, 2023, Parks & Events Commission Meeting.