



PARKS & EVENTS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES JUNE 20, 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, Vice-Chair Heather Palmerini (remote), and Commissioner Scott Vermeulen.

Commissioners Anderson and Pryor requested excused absences.

Councilmember Ethan Benson was also present.

City Staff:

Mike Chambless, Interim City Administrator; Dylan Gamble, CIP Manager; and Deana Dean, City Clerk.

AGENDA APPROVAL: Commissioner Vermeulen moved and Commissioner Sweum seconded the motion to approve the agenda which passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT: Councilmember Benson spoke about the re-dedication of Riverview Park and noted this group did a great job in selecting that park. He also noted that big community events are coming up this summer. Brief discussion followed regarding parks.

MINUTES: Commissioner Vermeulen moved and Commissioner Sweum seconded the motion to approve the minutes from the April 17, 2023, meeting which passed unanimously.

REGULAR BUSINESS

1. Discussion Items:

- a. Parks and Open Spaces Plan Update: Dylan Gamble, CIP Manager, provided an update on the Parks and Open Spaces Plan which is now known as Parks, Recreation, Open Space, and Trails (PROST) including upcoming work on the project. Commissioner comments followed including feedback on potential surveys and questions about timelines.
- b. Riverview Park completion was briefly discussed during Councilmember Benson's report. Mike Chambless, Interim City Administrator, noted the park is complete and under budget.
- c. Dog Parks: The plan was to install a dog pop-up park on the ridge. Unfortunately, the idea was not well received by neighbors of the planned site so there are no plans for that anymore and

that issue is tabled for now. An update was provided on the main dog park including rebuilding gates, addressing drainage, mowing, etc. It was noted that there is a lot of work to complete with not enough staff although the DOC crews have helped. Brief discussion regarding Snoqualmie Point Park.

- d. Review of Trails: Mike Chambless provided an update regarding repairs of the bridge that was destroyed last year noting the bridge is back in service. Discussion followed regarding bridges, marshy/muddy trails, trail connectivity, and trail signage.
- e. Splashpad: Mike Chambless provided an update on the splashpad noting the plans are not yet complete and staff is working through that issue. He noted that once the plans are ready, the city will be ready to move forward. Opening is planned for July of 2024.

SPECIAL EVENTS UPDATE: Written update provided by Nicole Wiebe, Community Liaison, and included:

- Summer Events (Hello Summer graphic – utility insert) are starting next week, starting with Big Truck Day, June 29, Centennial Park.
- NEW – Movies have been moved from Community Park to Jeanne Hansen Park.
- City working with Red, White, Boom, Boeing Classic and Snoqualmie Days planning committees.

Chair Sweum reminded commissioners to be mindful of responding to emails and following the OPMA. If there are future agenda topics, be sure to send to the city clerk with cc to the chair.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 pm.

Minutes taken by Deana Dean, City Clerk

Recorded meeting audio is available on the city website after the meeting.

Minutes approved at the July 17, 2023, Parks & Events Commission Meeting.