



## PARKS & EVENTS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES JULY 17, 2023

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*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 Commissioners Ryan Pryor, and Scott Vermeulen. Commissioner Emily Anderson appeared late.

Councilmember Ethan Benson was not present.

**City Staff:**

Mike Chambless, Interim City Administrator; Jeff Hamlin, Interim Parks & Public Works Director; and Nicole Wiebe, Community Liaison (remote).

**AGENDA APPROVAL:** It was moved to amend the agenda to add dog park discussion, trail maintenance discussion, splashpad update, and community center update which passed unanimously. The agenda was approved as amended.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.

**COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT:** None.

**MINUTES:** The June 20, 2023, minutes were approved as amended.

### REGULAR BUSINESS

- **Dog Park Discussion:** Commissioner Vermeulen inquired about a pop-up dog park in the Ridge, specifically on/near school district property on McCullough Street. The topic of a pop-up dog park is a continuation from the June 20, 2023 meeting. Discussion followed. Planning for a temporary pop-up dog park is tabled until next year after the Kimley Horn analysis. Community Liaison Wiebe noted that future planning should include choices, outreach, voting, and notification to get buy in from the community.
- **Trail Maintenance Discussion:** Comment on Silent Creek Trail needing some maintenance to trim overgrowth specifically behind Timber Ridge. Interim City Administrator Chambless noted they are doing trail maintenance, bridge repairs, cleaning up storm ponds, tree replacements, etc. He will speak with Phil who is the correct point of contact for this issue. Chambless advised the commission that a summary of P&PW activity is provided at the first Council meeting of each month and they are welcome to review those agendas.

- **Splashpad Update:** Interim City Administrator Chambless updated the commission noting the project is moving forward with a plan to present to Council at the August 14, 2023, meeting. Proposed completion is May 2024. The basketball court will be relocated after construction although it will go away for a period of time.
- **Community Center Update:** Interim City Administrator Chambless provided an update noting the design build contract is going to Council at the August 14, 2023, meeting. The plan is to have the design completed by December and will address pickle ball and tennis court issues. He noted there is no preliminary design at this point. He also noted the city received a \$1 million dollar grant from the county for this project. As soon as there is some design work to show, Chambless will share with the commission. He indicated there will be a public relations campaign and there is currently a page on the city website with information and a Q&A section.

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

- Movies & Music in the park started last week with music on Thursday July 13 with 250-300 people in attendance. This year music is at Community Park and movies have been moved to Jeanne Hansen Park which will be a nice location and less impactful to the neighborhoods. This week will be the Lightyear movie on July 20.
- Arts Commission is doing Plein Air Paint Out as a stand-alone event and not part of Snoqualmie Days. This year's event is this Saturday and the theme is Majestic Meadowbrook.
- Snoqualmie Days, which is a community driven event, is August 19-20
- Boeing Classic is the week of August 7.
- Interim City Administrator Chambless noted starting this Friday, Mill Pond Road will be closed for paving for one week. In addition, Snoqualmie Parkway will have paving on each side of the parkway during the month of August. Traffic backups are expected.
- Community Liaison Wiebe noted a media campaign to shop local will be forthcoming which relates to the paving projects.

**FUTURE DISCUSSION:** No input provided for the August meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.

*Minutes prepared from audio recording by Deana Dean, City Clerk  
Recorded meeting audio is available on the city website after the meeting.  
Minutes approved at the August 21, 2023, Parks & Events Commission Meeting.*