



PARKS & EVENTS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES APRIL 17, 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 Ryan Pryor (remote) and Scott Vermeulen.

Co-Chair Heather Palmerini requested an excused absence which was approved.

City Staff:

Mike Chambless, Parks & Public Works Director; Nicole Wiebe, Community Liaison (remote); and Deana Dean, City Clerk.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Mike Chambless noted Arbor Day Celebration is this Saturday April 22, 2023, at Riverview Park.

COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT – None. Councilmember Benson was not present.

MINUTES – Commissioner Vermeulen moved and Commissioner Pryor seconded the motion to approve the minutes from the March 20, 2023, meeting which passed unanimously.

REGULAR BUSINESS

1. Bylaws Finalization: Brief discussion. It was agreed that the section that reads “No member shall serve more than two (2) consecutive elected terms as Chair” begins this year. Commissioner Vermeulen moved and Commissioner Pryor seconded the motion to approve the Bylaws as stated which passed unanimously.
2. Commission Purpose and Direction Discussion: The purpose of the discussion was for the commissioners to express the “why” of their interest and participation in the Parks & Events Commission. Each commissioner had an opportunity to speak. Discussion followed with Mike Chambless providing updates on parks, staffing, and consultants. Public meetings will be held for the community center, comp plan, and trail system. The pool project is rapidly coming forward with the schedule anticipated at the next meeting and improving trail signage is also forthcoming. He informed the Commission that Council approved the next phase of the Riverwalk project.

SPECIAL EVENTS UPDATE

Community Liaison Nicole Wiebe provided an update on the recent Easter egg hunts noting there were over 100 kids present. The Arts Commission is having four different elk murals in the window at Carousel Gifts on Railroad Avenue. She spoke to this Thursday's Volunteer Recognition Event at Snoqualmie Inn from 5:30-7:30 pm.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION

1. Update on Parks and Open Space Plan
2. Update on Playgrounds

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Minutes taken by Deana Dean, City Clerk

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

Minutes approved at the June 20, 2023, Parks & Events Commission Meeting.