

**BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS MINUTES**  
Wednesday, May 4, 2022 5:30pm, via Zoom & City Hall

**Present:**

Kamber Good (*left at 6:28 pm*), Wendy Goodwin, Troy Kirby, Gary Larson, Dave Weber and Aram Wheeler

Excused: Sarah Daniels, Declan Line

Staff: Justin Beard, Jen Burbidge, Sarah Smith, Sue Falash and Jamie Oakland

Public: Thor Hoyt, Rick Kelling

The meeting was called to order at 5:32 pm, by Chair, Aram Wheeler

**Additions or deletions to the Agenda**

**Chair Wheeler made a motion approve the agenda as written. Commissioner Weber seconded. Motion carried.**

**Announcements & introductions**

Ms. Burbidge announced the Lacey Depot & Playground Grand Opening is being held May 25<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm. The new website has launched at laceyparks.org.

**Minutes**

**Chair Wheeler made a motion to approve the April minutes. Commissioner Kirby seconded. Motion carried.**

**Calendar**

**Correspondence**

Chair Wheeler confirmed public correspondence received and read by Commissioners.

**Citizen/Public Comments on Items not on the Agenda**

Thor Hoyt made a public comment in person.

Rick Kelling made a public comment via Zoom.

**Old Business**

- a) Greg Cuoio Park Phase 1A – Ms. Burbidge updated the Board on the site plan.
  - City Council gave approval to move forward with the Phase 1A design.
  - Staff met with the consultants to set a design timeline.
  - Walkthrough was done with the consultant and South Puget Sound Disc Golf Association.
  - Next walkthrough is with City staff on May 12<sup>th</sup> with the consultant.
  - Grant applications in two RCO categories were submitted on May 3<sup>rd</sup>.
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- b) Park Board Tour Reschedule – The Park Board tour of the Greg Cuoio Park grounds will be rescheduled for next month.
- c) Comprehensive Plan PIP – Ms. Burbidge reviewed the Public Involvement Plan with the Commission on Equity and it was approved to move forward.

**Chair Wheeler made a motion to approve the PIP. Commissioner Kirby seconded. Motion carried.**

### **New Business**

- a) New Alcohol Event Permits – Commissioner Kirby recused himself from this action due to personal involvement. Chair Wheeler invited Commissioner Kirby to provide further details about the event. Ms. Burbidge reviewed the alcohol policies and clarified a new event permit needs to be approved by the Board.

**Chair Wheeler motioned to approve the new event alcohol permit for Cider Fest at Huntamer Park pending the appropriate City staff review. Commissioner Good seconded. Motion carried.**

- b) Facility Policies Update – Mr. Beard informed the Board the facility policies for Lacey Community Center and Jacob Smith House are being updated to be more uniform, changes are mostly language based and include updated facility closure dates.

**Chair Wheeler motioned to approve the policy updates. Commissioner Goodwin seconded. Motion carried.**

- c) RAC Policies Update – Ms. Falash advised these updates are similar to the facility policies updates. These updates were reviewed by the Commission on Equity and are mostly language, formatting, and dates of closure changes.

**Chair Wheeler motioned to approve the RAC policy updates. Commissioner Weber seconded. Motion carried.**

### **Director's Report**

- a) Staff Presentation-none
- b) Sports Commission update – Ms. Falash stated nominations are still open at the Experience Olympia and Beyond website. Staff are currently at a bidding conference to bring new sporting events to Lacey. Staff are still working to fill vacancies.
- c) Programs & Special Events
- d) Construction Updates
- e) Planning
- f) Grants & Budgets
- g) Volunteers
- h) Miscellaneous. – Ms. Falash reported the department has been struggling to get part time staff to apply for positions. She also shared the City is currently hiring two Recreation Coordinators, and that we are hoping for a robust candidate pool.

Mr. Oakland reported Park Maintenance is struggling to fill vacancies as well. The Lacey Depot has opened for the season starting May 1.

### **Commissioner's Report**

Commissioner Goodwin reported on the success of the Earth Day Celebration at Wonderwood Park on April 23, and that May 1 was the Thurston County Hunger Walk at Saint Martin's University sponsored by the Thurston County Food Bank.

### **Chair's Report**

None

**Committee Reports**

**None**

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**Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 6:41 pm.

**Next meeting:** Wednesday June 1, 2022 at 5:30pm via Zoom & City Hall.