

BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS AGENDA

Wednesday, December 7, 2022 5:30pm

Hybrid via Zoom & City Hall

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Emailed correspondence that is received throughout the month will be included in the next available Park Board packet under Correspondence.

1. Call meeting to order
2. Addition or deletions to the agenda **(Action)**
3. Announcements & Introductions
4. Approval/Correction of November meeting minutes **(Action)**
5. Correspondence
 - a) Lakepointe Park
 - b) Lakepointe Dogs
 - c) Corporate Sponsorship Comments
6. Citizen/Public Comment
7. Old Business
 - a) Greg Cuoio Park Phase 1A Update
 - b) 2022 Workplan and Accomplishments **(Action)**
 - c) 2023 Workplan **(Action)**
8. New Business
 - a) Rugby Goal Donation Acknowledgement
 - b) 2023 Board Chair and Vice Chair Election **(Action)**
9. Director's Report
 - a) Staff Presentation – None
 - b) Sports Commission – None
 - c) Programs & Special Events

- d) Construction Project Updates
- e) Planning
- f) Grants & Budget
- g) Volunteers
- h) Miscellaneous

- 10. Commissioner's Report
- 11. Chair's Report
- 12. Adjourn

BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

Wednesday, November 2, 2022 5:30pm, via Zoom & City Hall

Present:

Kamber Good, Wendy Goodwin, Gary Larson, Sarah Towne, Dave Weber and Aram Wheeler

Excused:

Staff: Jen Burbidge, Sarah Smith, Jamie Oakland and Julie McFadden

Public: Lou and Nancy Peer

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm, by Chair, Aram Wheeler

Additions or deletions to the Agenda

Commissioner Good made a motion to move item 8f New Business before item 6 Citizen/Public Comment and Commissioner Larson seconded. Motion carried.

Announcements & Introductions

Ms. Burbidge announced the joint meeting with the Commission on Equity to review the Corporate Sponsorship Policy will take place November 14 at 5:30 p.m. in hybrid format. Commissioners and Staff gave introductions.

Minutes

Chair Wheeler made a motion to approve the October minutes as amended. Commissioner Goodwin seconded. Motion carried.

Calendar

None

Correspondence

Chair Wheeler confirmed all Commissioners reviewed the correspondence included with the packet.

New Business

f) Public Recognition. Jamie Oakland and Julie McFadden publicly thanked and recognized Lou and Nancy Peer for their assistance in recovering a stolen City golf cart from the Regional Athletic Complex.

Citizen/Public Comments on Items not on the Agenda

None

Old Business

a) Greg Cuoio Park Phase 1A Updates. Ms. Burbidge reported the 30% design is near completion, we are looking for cost savings before moving forward, and that a \$500,000 direct legislative ask will be added to the City's legislative agenda draft for some of the ADA components of the project (paved pathways and inclusive playground). HBB Landscape Architects will be presenting an update to

City Council at their December 8 worksession (the topic was bumped from October 27).

- b) Young Child and Families Center of Lacey. Ms. Burbidge provided the following updates:
- NTPS held their Community Conversation on October 18, it went well
 - NTPS School Board and City Council held a joint worksession on October 27 and an update on the project was shared. In addition, NTPS staff shared they will be bringing forth a capital levy to fund the educational components of the project in the near future.
 - The partners held their monthly meeting on November 1 to review making a direct legislative ask and review the project timeline

New Business

- a) Park Board Name Change. Ms. Burbidge reminded the Board they had expressed interest in updating the name of the Park Board to more closely match the new name of the department. She explained the Board name would change from Lacey Board of Park Commissioners to Lacey Parks, Culture & Recreation Board, and would need to be recommended to City Council for approval.

Chair Wheeler made a motion to approve the name change and recommend it to City Council. Commissioner Weber seconded. Motion carried.

- b) 2022 Workplan and Accomplishments Review. Ms. Burbidge reviewed the drafts of the 2022 workplan and accomplishments for the year with the Board.
- c) 2023 Workplan Draft. Ms. Burbidge reviewed the draft of the 2023 workplan. Commissioners discussed items that will carry over from the 2022 workplan.
- d) 2023 Board Chair and Vice Chair Nominations. Commissioners discussed the nominations for Chair and Vice Chair for 2023. The Board agreed to nominate in November and vote in December.

Chair Wheeler made a motion to nominate Commissioner Goodwin for Chair. Commissioner Larson seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Goodwin made a motion to nominate Chair Wheeler to remain Chair. Commissioner Good seconded. Motion carried.

Chair Wheeler made a motion to nominate Commissioner Good for Vice Chair. Commissioner Goodwin seconded. Motion carried.

- e) 2023 Parks, Culture & Recreation Budget and Proposals. Ms. Burbidge reviewed the 2023 proposed budget with the Board and requested their recommendation for approval. Ms. Burbidge reviewed the approved proposals included in the proposed budget.

Chair Wheeler made a motion to recommend the budget as written. Commissioner Goodwin seconded. Motion carried.

Director's Report

- a) Staff Presentation – None
- b) Sports Commission Update – None
- c) Programs & Special Events – Ms. Burbidge reported on upcoming holiday program dates and events. Ms. Smith reported December 14 is the next registration date.

- d) Construction Updates
- e) Planning
- f) Grants & Budgets
- g) Volunteers
- h) Miscellaneous. – Ms. Burbidge provided the following updates:
 - Sue Falash went out to the Rainier Vista pickleball courts on two evenings after we received the Correspondence. The group that was proposed to have been taking up all the court space was not there on either night, and Sue reported the courts were full, people were taking turns and rotating, and everyone was very happy and having a blast. She was impressed by the turnout, and the way in which the players worked together.
 - Invited the Board to attend the City Council meeting tomorrow night where Ruth Weigelt would be awarded the Spirit of Lacey award.
 - City Manager Scott Spence will be leaving Lacey for the City of Astoria City Manager at the end of this year. City Council has created a committee to oversee the process for his replacement.

Commissioner's Report

Commissioner Goodwin reported updates on the Walk and Roll program and invited the Board to upcoming events. Commissioner Goodwin reported on constituent feedback regarding programming and proposed further discussion about potential cultural events. Commissioner Goodwin also would like to determine a way the Board can help promote Lacey kindness and resources, bridging the gap for people.

Chair's Report

None.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 7:03 pm.

Next meeting: Wednesday December 7, 2022 at 5:30pm via Zoom & City Hall.

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I am almost 70 and have mobility issues when walking down hills. To get down to the soccer fields the only way down is to slowly crawl down the hill. Is there a reason they did not put a set of stairs to the field I go every weekend to watch my 4 grandchildren play soccer. I cannot continue to take a risk to fall the grass is damp sometimes and it is hard to not slip.

Many Grandparents sit way above to watch but rarely get to interact with the kids.

Please help all of us enjoy our Grandkids
While we still have time.

Thank you for your consideration

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47 year resident of Lacey

Hi ████████,

Thank you for inquiring about Lakepointe Park. The sidewalk does provide a viewpoint, as is the case with most of the City's parks soccer fields.

This facility was originally designed for stormwater treatment and fortunately ended up being a facility that was conducive to hosting soccer fields with no impact on the stormwater function.

Thanks again for providing feedback, as we are continually looking to improve the City's facilities and patron experience.

Sincerely,

Jen Burbidge
Director



To Whom It May Concern,

Hi, my name is [REDACTED]. My wife and I moved from Atlanta, Georgia to this beautiful city of Lacey in June of this year. We really enjoy our new home and the surrounding area. We found it a true blessing that we have a nice park, Lakepointe Park, within the walking distance from our house. Every morning and evening, my wife and I would take our 10-year old Yorkshire, Cooper, to the park to enjoy the outdoor and fresh air.

We appreciate the relentless work of city ground crew making Lakepointe park such pretty place to play and stroll. It is very considerate that the city had placed waste plastic bags on the side the walkway so that dog owners can have the convenience to responsibly clean up after their dogs. However, recently, I have found increasingly large number of disturbing dog wastes being left on the grass and pavement. This is not only an irritating public offence, but also is a serious health concern since children frequent this park to play, practice soccer or having soccer matches during the season.

I visited Rainier Community Park a few weeks ago and found that there are numerous friendly signs being placed along the walkway and on the pavement to remind dog owners to pick up after their dogs. Even more surprisingly, I did not find any dog waste in the park. I am not sure if this is the result of good citizenship of Rainier community, the effort of the park maintenance crew or the combination of both. I wonder, are there anything City of Lacey can do about ridding of dog wastes in the park so that Lakepointe park can be a dog-waste-free park for all residents to enjoy.

I had submitted my complaint a few weeks ago on Lacey city web site, but did hear anything back. This is my second attempt to bring this to your attention. Eagerly, I await your response or action. Thank you!

Sincerely yours,

[REDACTED]

From: Jamie Oakland

Sent: Tuesday, November 1, 2022 3:46 PM

To: PR-Lacey Parks & Recreation <laceyparks@ci.lacey.wa.us>; weikwei@yahoo.com

Subject: RE: Lakepointe Park

Good afternoon [REDACTED],

First I'd like to thank you for the kind words about Lacey. Both times that you have reached out with your concerns, you had very nice things to say about our Parks system. We genuinely appreciate those sentiments. Second, I'm sorry for not responding to the last time you voiced this concern. From your email, it was not clear you were expecting a response. Lastly, as for your concern about animal waste in

our parks, we share your concern. For the most part, our park patrons do a good job about cleaning up after their pets. Some parks, however, have had historical issues with pet owners not collecting their pet's waste. Lakepointe Park is one park that has historically had a problem with pet waste.

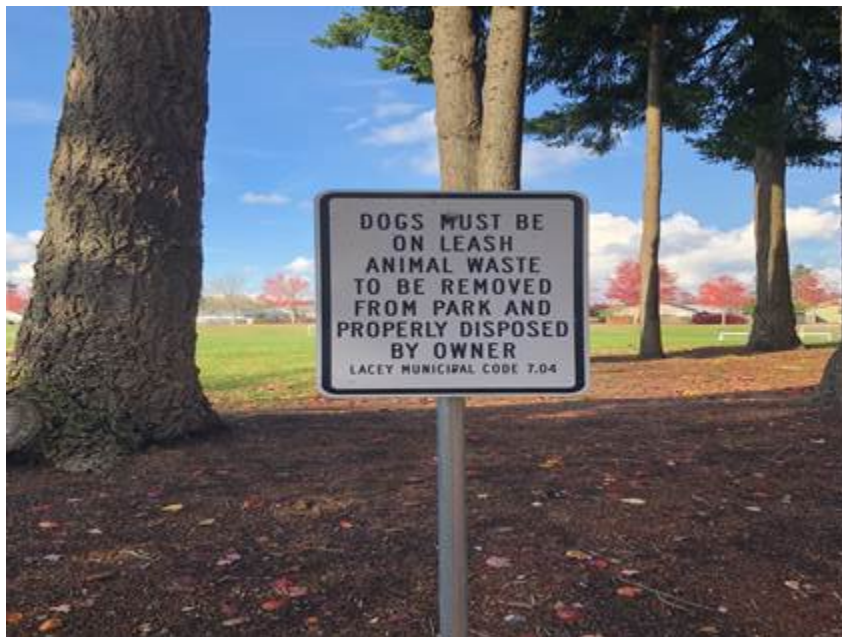
As a department, we have done what we can to mitigate this problem. We have placed a doggie bag station on each side of the park offering the public free dog waste bags, as well as a receptacle to discard the waste in. These are the same signs you were referring to at Rainier Vista Park. In fact, even though it is only 20% the size of Rainier Vista, Lakepointe Park has as many dog stations as Rainier Vista. In addition, we have posted additional signage on the south side of the park (see below) where historically, the problem has been the worst, encouraging the public to practice responsible pet ownership required by law.

Unfortunately, we do not have staff on site throughout the day so we have a very limited capacity to monitor for violators. I will make it a point to personally patrol the park several times throughout the week over the next 2 weeks to see if I can identify anyone in violation of these Park rules.

Additionally, I will forward your concern to Animal Services and ask them to assist with patrols to monitor for violators.

I am sorry that I cannot provide a more concrete solution to your concern.

Thank you for your concern,
Jamie Oakland
Parks Maintenance Supervisor
360-239-7663



From: GP Hickey <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, November 15, 2022 7:58 AM
To: COE <COE@ci.lacey.wa.us>; Jennifer Burbidge <jburbidge@ci.lacey.wa.us>
Subject: Chic-fil-a and the city

Regardless of a person's personal beliefs and values one can not be a member of the KKK and not support racism.

Regardless of a person's personal beliefs and values one can not be a Chic-fil-a franchisee and not support misogyny, racism and bigotry.

Regardless of it's personal beliefs and values the City Of Lacey can not be involved in brand building behavior, under the guise of community service, by Chic-fil-a without supporting the company's misogyny, racism and bigotry.

Ms Burbidge' comments at the recent message sounded like something a corporate public relations employee would say. Reported by The OLYmpian.

Lacey parks and recreation director Jen Burbidge teed up the conversation, saying the local Chick-fil-A owner came to the city, wanting his business to be the most caring in the county. He also shared the corporate responsibility strategy, saying the business wants to care for people through food, education and the planet by diverting food waste from landfills.

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, November 17, 2022 1:58 PM
To: Jennifer Burbidge <jburbidge@ci.lacey.wa.us>; Shannon Kelley-Fong <skelley@ci.lacey.wa.us>
Subject: Chic Fil A

This week, I recently saw a City of Lacey equity zoom meeting regarding Chic Fil A sponsoring a children's event and some community members may have complained. In Mid-October, I also, attended a North Thurston School Board meeting in which two people complained about the partnership that the North Thurston school had with Chic Fil A for a children's event. I'm assuming it may be the same people, regarding the same event, since they mentioned that they would reach out the cities of Olympia and Lacey.

I also read the article from The Olympian, dated 11/15/22, in which some of the Lacey Equity board mentioned that Chic Fil A is from "Atlanta is a product of the South and the Bible Belt...has conservative views on abortion and LGBT rights.... And have no apologies for it."

I thought the diversity, equity and inclusion equated that ALL people were included regardless of their opinion or their values, that all voices were heard. It sounds to me that conservatives or maybe Christians voices/values are not included in the equity & inclusive narrative. Correct me if I'm wrong.

Please note, just because someone's values don't align with yours doesn't mean it's wrong. There should not be any moral superiority over one another. People being offended does not make them right either.

The common ground between the children's event, the school, and the City of Lacey was for the KIDS and for no other reason. The purpose from the City of Lacey and Chic Fil A was for the betterment of the kids and had nothing to do with the LBGT group. The people who were complaining were the ones who instigated the gay conversation and integrated the politics. Kids are not politics.

After viewing your zoom meeting online, the majority of your staff shared the same exact thoughts that Chic Fil A does not support the LBGT community in any way. The event was NOT a LBGT event. I did not see much diversity of thought within this group to oppose this. I only heard one person speaking to address a different point of view that they felt that Chic Fil A had no hidden agenda that they saw at the event.

Don't we want lots of diversity in the business communities, including Christian businesses, Muslims, Judaism, etc? After all, Hobby Lobby is also a Christian business who have strong values, I'm sure they give back to the community as well, and if they don't, well then I applaud Chif Fil A in doing so.

I suggest in the future, maybe find more people for your equity board to add some more diverse thoughts for balance and positivity, with some conservative voices perhaps, because that would be truly be the equitable and inclusive thing to do.

From what I have seen, I have found the equity and inclusive narrative, in schools, and now the Cities, to actually be quite discriminatory and divisive, not uplifting at all.

In my opinion, I believe Chic Fil A has the best interest of the children at heart and that is really the bottom line. Look for the intent of the event and leave politics out. Decide if the complainers are just

changing the narrative to fit their own agenda, which I believe this is the case, after listening to them at the school board meeting.

Chic Fil A gives back to the community, hire youths to give them the opportunity to acquire workplace skills and bring pride in the community thru charity. It was really that simple.

Thank you so much for your time.

A Community Member.

Nancy [REDACTED].

Lacey Park Board
 2022 WORK PLAN ACCOMPLISHMENTS
 Adopted 12/1/21, Updated 10/20/22

Task	Responsible Commissioner	Status	Target Completion date
ONGOING			
1. Parks, Culture & Recreation Staff Updates			
2. Parks, Culture & Recreation, Community Buildings, and RAC Annual Department Budget			
3. Annual Capital Facilities Plan Update			
4. Grant Opportunities			
5. July is Parks & Recreation Month			
CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS			
6. RAC Parking Lot Video Cameras	All	Completed	September 2022
7. RAC Gravel Parking Lot Construction	All	Upcoming agenda	July 2023
8. Outdoor Ping Pong tables	All	Upcoming agenda	July 2023
9. Wonderwood Park Trail & Court Upgrades (Sunset)	All	Upcoming agenda	July 2023
SPECIAL PROJECTS			
10. Community Outreach Project (Energize Lacey)	All	Completed	September 2022
11. Parks, Culture & Recreation Comprehensive Plan Update	All	In progress	August 2023
12. Park Facilities Security Camera Expansions	All	Upcoming agenda	July 2023
13. Parks Volunteer Program	All	In progress	July 2023
14. Memorial or Honorarium Bench Program	All	In progress	February 2023
15. Wildlife Information	Aram Wheeler	Upcoming agenda	February 2023
16. New Scholarship Policy Review	All	In progress	January 2023
17. Community Garden Pilot Project / WCFF	All	In progress	September 2023
18. Greg Cuoio Park Phase 1A Construction	All	In progress	June 2024
PARK RULES			
19. Metal Detecting	All	Upcoming agenda	December 2023
20. Ebikes & Scooters	All	Upcoming agenda	December 2023
21. Affixing Signs Update	All	Upcoming agenda	December 2023
22. Park Signage Update	All	In progress	June 2023
PLANNING			
23. RAC Phase 3 Preliminary Design	All	Upcoming agenda	June 2023
24. NTPS Young Child & Family Center feasibility	All	In progress	June 2023
25. Greg Cuoio Park & Greenways Master Plan 100% completion	All	Completed	February 2022
26. Greg Cuoio Park Phase 1A Design & Financial Plan	All	In progress	June 2023

OTHER NOTEWORTHY ACHIEVEMENTS

Toured Greg Cuoio Park & Greenways

Lacey Depot & Playground Grand Opening May 25, 2022 in conjunction with Lacey Rotary

Acknowledged installation of Jackson/Goose Pond Historic Marker along the Karen Fraser Woodland Trail

Received \$5,000 from the Parks, Arts, Recreation & Cultural Foundation of Thurston County for youth scholarships

Received donation of two rugby permanent goals (\$5,000 value) at the Regional Athletic Complex field #4 from Deschutes Rugby Club

Acknowledged receipt of \$39,715 from North Thurston Public Schools / OSPI funding for Playground Pals program

Acknowledged receipt of \$68,100 from SEEK (Safe Environment for Every Kid) / OSPI funding for Summer Day Camp program (AWC facilitated, WRPA distributed)

Received and acknowledged 20 acre donation adjacent to Mullen Road Habitat

City purchased 1.8 acre property adjacent to Long Lake Park (long term goal and vision for Lacey Parks)

Recreation Programs Assessment

Updated Regional Athletic Complex and Lacey Community Center / Jacob Smith House policies and fees

Held all Park Board meetings in new hybrid format

Lacey Park Board
2023 WORK PLAN
12/7/2022

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ONGOING			
1. Parks, Culture & Recreation Staff Updates			
2. Parks, Culture & Recreation, Community Buildings, and RAC Annual Department Budget			
3. Annual Capital Facilities Plan Update			
4. Grant Opportunities			
5. July is Parks & Recreation Month			
CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS			
6. Woodland Creek Park Bridge & Fencing	All	Upcoming agenda	December 2023
7. RAC Gravel Parking Lot Construction	All	Upcoming agenda	July 2023
8. Outdoor Ping Pong tables	All	Upcoming agenda	July 2023
9. Wonderwood Park Trail & Court Upgrades (Sunset)	All	Upcoming agenda	July 2023
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16. Greg Cuoio Park Phase 1A Construction	All	Upcoming agenda	June 2024
17. Dogs off leash issues	All	Upcoming agenda	December 2023
18. Sponsorship Policy update	All	Upcoming agenda	June 2023
19. New Scholarship Policy review	All	In progress	January 2023
20. Senior Services for South Sound Agreement	All	Upcoming agenda	December 2023
PARK RULES			
21. Metal Detecting	All	Upcoming agenda	December 2023
22. Ebikes & Scooters	All	Upcoming agenda	December 2023
23. Affixing Signs Update	All	Upcoming agenda	December 2023
24. Park Signage Update	All	In progress	June 2023
PLANNING			
25. RAC Phase 3 Preliminary Design	All	Upcoming agenda	June 2023
26. NTPS Young Child & Family Center feasibility	All	In progress	June 2023
27. RAC Financial Plan update	All	Upcoming agenda	May 2023

Task	Responsible Commissioner	Status	Target Completion date
28. Lake Lois Habitat Reserve – update interpretive signage & brochure	All	Upcoming agenda	December 2023
29. Greg Cuoio Park Phase 1A Design & Financial Plan	All	In progress	June 2023
FUTURE			
30. Long Lake Park beach area & dock and new 1.8 acre addition		Dock/swim area completed Beach concept in progress Adjacent property purchased	2024
31. Meridian Campus North Neighborhood Park Master Plan			2025
32. Pickleball Long Term Requests			2024
33. Longs Pond Fishing Dock Replacement			2024
34. Bush Park Playground Equipment Replacement		Upcoming agenda	July 2025

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CITY MANAGER
SCOTT SPENCE

November 21, 2022

Deschutes Rugby Club
6305 Hawks Prairie Ct NE
Lacey, WA 98503

Dear Deschutes Rugby Club,

THANK YOU very much for your generous donation during the calendar year of 2022, of the 2 new rugby goals to the Lacey Parks, Culture & Recreation Department:

Supporting Parks, Culture & Recreation is critical to the health of our community. With your donation, we are able to continue making rugby accessible for clubs and community members alike.

We are grateful for your donation and look forward to using these new goals in the future.

We acknowledge that no goods or services were provided to you in return for your charitable contribution valued at \$5,000. The entire amount of your contribution may be used for tax reporting to the full extent allowed by the IRS.

Thank you again for your very kind donation.

Most Sincerely,

Jennifer Burbidge, Director
Lacey Parks, Culture & Recreation Director
420 College St SE
Lacey, WA 98503
TAX ID 910819427

Aram Wheeler, Chair
Lacey Board of Park Commissioners



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