

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.