

Lacey Parks, Culture and Recreation Board

2023 Accomplishments

2023 Work Plan Accomplishments

- Completed the 6-year update to the Lacey Parks, Culture and Recreation Comprehensive Plan (2023-2029)
- Created a Parks, Culture and Recreation Enhancement program, policy and review process for donations and other requests
- Created a Parks Volunteer Program to include a policy and procedure manual and an onboarding handbook for volunteers
- Updated the Sponsorship Policy to include a review process to ensure an alignment with the department's mission, vision, and goals
- Updated the Financial Assistance Policy (formerly called Scholarship Policy) to better communicate its purpose and make more accessible for community members
- Updated the RAC Financial Plan
- Re-designed park rules signs

Other Noteworthy Accomplishments

- Significant progress made on the wildlife information at Greg Cuoio Park
- Published the 2022 Annual Report
- Greg Cuoio Park significant work on the 90% design
- Received \$1,000,000 in grants for Greg Cuoio Park. \$500,000 from the RCO WWRP Grant, and \$499,550 from the Department of Commerce.
- Received \$15,000 from the Washington State Historical Society for a Diversity in Local History Grant for an oral history project
- Received \$6,000 for the Financial Assistance Program from the PARC Foundation of Thurston County
- Added a new position; Senior Parks Planner
- Virgil S. Clarkson Senior Center celebrated 20th anniversary
- Free Little Library added to Wonderwood Park by Girl Scout troop
- Celebrated volunteers at the department's first volunteer recognition event
- Implemented CivicClerk for agendas, minutes and bookmarking videos

- Advocated and was successful in getting an upgraded bus stop near the RAC
- Discussed dog related issues with Animal Services Director and significant work done by staff to gather and present the data for better understanding of the challenges
- Received two stadium bleachers through the Parks Enhancement Program
- Received a commitment of \$110,000 toward the playground replacement at Bush Park from Gateway Rotary
- Received a commitment of \$25,000 toward the construction of new courts at Rainier Vista Park from Thurston County Pickleball Association
- Due to continued partnership and advocating for recreation needs, the Nisqually Indian Tribe Quiemuth development concept options include an indoor recreation area.
- Adopted a land acknowledgement process for Parks Board
- Worked with Thurston Regional Planning Council on the regional Trails Plan Update