



Meeting Minutes

Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee

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Thursday, February 20, 2025

6:00 PM

Room 207

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m.

1.A ROLL CALL

Present: 6 - Committee member Brent Barnes, Committee member Daniel Farber, Committee member Jamie Gerken, Committee member Caroline Mellor, Vice Chair Jeff Prevost and Committee member Theresa Woodward

Absent: 3 - Chair Alexandria Safiq, Committee member Candace Bock and Committee member Meg Jones

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.A [25-0018](#) Approval of October, 17, 2024 Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Committee member Farber asked to amend the minutes. See the attachment under File No 25-0186 outlining Committee member Farber's proposed motion in review of CFP.

The minutes were approved as amended.

[25-0186](#)

The minutes was approved as amended.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

The following people spoke: Holly Gadbow, Kathy McCormick, Mark Foutch, Bob Jacobs and Molly Ainsley.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A) Laura Keehan reminded PRAC members to submit Committee stipend paperwork to the Executive office.

B) Laura Keehan provided a recap on the successful seasonal ice rink season.

C) Paul Simmons announced he has accepted a position with Parks Tacoma.

6. BUSINESS ITEMS

- 6.A [25-0137](#) Revisit Park Name Recommendations for the Properties known as “The Armory” and “Kaiser Woods Park”

Parks, Arts and Recreation Director Paul Simmons presented on the reasons to revisit park name recommendations. Armory Building Manager Valerie Roberts presented on the concerns over the recommended name for the Armory. Parks Planner Sarah Giannoble presented on the concerns over the recommended name for the Kaiser Woods property.

The Committee decided to table their name recommendation discussions for the Kaiser Woods and Yelm Highway properties until the March 20 meeting.

Committee member Mellor moved, seconded by Committee member Gerken, to recommend the "Daley Arts Center" as the name for the Armory. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Committee member Barnes, Committee member Farber, Committee member Gerken, Committee member Mellor, Vice Chair Prevost and Committee member Woodward

Absent: 3 - Chair Safiq, Committee member Bock and Committee member Jones

- 6.B [25-0136](#) Olympia Metropolitan Park District (OMPD) Interlocal Agreement Discussion

Director Simmons presented on the history of the OMPD Interlocal Agreement.

The discussion was completed.

- 6.C [25-0142](#) Review New PRAC Member Applications

Applicants 13, 21, 23 and 37 were forwarded to The Community Livability and Public Safety Committee for interviews to fill vacant seats on PRAC.

- 6.D [25-0143](#) Review Draft PRAC Work Plan for April 2025 - March 2026

Committee member Gerken moved, seconded by Committee member Woodward, to forward a recommendation for approval of the 2025-2026 draft PRAC work plan to the Community Livability and Public Safety Committee to review and refer to City Council for consideration and action. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Committee member Barnes, Committee member Farber, Committee member Gerken, Committee member Mellor, Vice Chair Prevost and Committee member Woodward

Absent: 3 - Chair Safiq, Committee member Bock and Committee member Jones

6.E [25-0144](#) PRAC Chair and Vice-chair Elections and Member Appointment to OMPD Advisory Committee

Committee member Mellor moved, seconded by Committee member Gerken to appoint Alexandria Safiq as PRAC Chair. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Committee member Barnes, Committee member Gerken, Committee member Mellor and Committee member Woodward

Absent: 3 - Chair Safiq, Committee member Bock and Committee member Jones

Abstained: 2 - Committee member Farber and Vice Chair Prevost

Committee member Mellor moved, seconded by Committee member Gerken, to appoint Committee member Prevost as PRAC Vice-Chair. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Committee member Barnes, Committee member Farber, Committee member Gerken, Committee member Mellor, Vice Chair Prevost and Committee member Woodward

Absent: 3 - Chair Safiq, Committee member Bock and Committee member Jones

Committee member Mellor moved, seconded by Committee member Gerken, to appoint Committee member Mellor to the OMPD Advisory Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Committee member Barnes, Committee member Farber, Committee member Gerken, Committee member Mellor, Vice Chair Prevost and Committee member Woodward

Absent: 3 - Chair Safiq, Committee member Bock and Committee member Jones

7. REPORTS - None

**8. FOLLOW-UP ON PRAC MOTIONS, QUESTIONS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS
- None**

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Upcoming

The next meeting will be Thursday, March 20, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.