

City of Olympia

*The Olympia Center
222 Columbia St. NW
Olympia, WA 98501*



Meeting Minutes - Draft

Thursday, April 11, 2013

6:00 pm

Room change: Meeting in Room 103

The Olympia Center, Room 103

Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 6:02 p.m.

Present: 8 - Vice Chair Jim Nieland, Committee Member Barbara Benson, Committee Member Robert Dengel, Committee Member Dave Hughes, Committee Member Brian Tomlinson, Committee Member Joel Hansen, Committee Member Gerry Hodge, and Committee Member Noah C McCord

Absent: 2 - Chair Robert L (Rob) Ahlschwede, and Committee Member Jesse Dwyer

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The CFP/CAMMP presentation has been portponed. Agenda was approved.

2.A Approval of February 7, 2013 Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [1. Minutes](#)

Minutes were approved.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

James Reddick, 723 Eastside St, encouraged PRAC to sell raffle tickets for the PARC Foundation. The funds will be shared between the four local jurisdictions. More information on the raffle is in the Mountain News. PARC is working with Tenino and Thurston County to finalize details for a Regional Park Board Meeting.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- PRAC welcomed new member Noah McCord.
- On April 25th a neighborhood meeting will be held to talk about Ward Lake water quality.
- A presentation on the Madison Scenic Trail improvements will be given to City Council on April 16.
- Robert Dengel asked that a discussion on the work plan be added to next month's agenda.

6. ARTESIAN COURT

6.A Artesian Court Recommendation

Attachments: [1. Original Draft Concept Plan](#)
[2. Public Comments](#)

Linda Oestreich, OPARD Director, gave an update on the Artesian Court public process to date. Staff identified the trends and gems from the public comments and incorporated those into the revised draft concept plan. The identified priorities were two spigots, parking access, green space, interpretation (to tell the story of the water), dog watering station, public safety, cleanliness, management and enforcement without extra resources. Currently, the project has \$100,000 and \$50,000 will be proposed in 2014 Capital Facilities Plan. The project likely won't start until winter 2013. Ms. Oestreich also reviewed the operations and maintenance plan.

Dave Okerlund, Parks Planning Manager, reviewed the new concept plan and the changes that were made from the first draft.

The Committee heard from several members of the public that provided comments and recommended additional changes.

PRAC discussed the changes to the draft concept plan as well as the maintenance and operation. PRAC made four recommendations:

1. Approve draft concept plan and direct OPARD to proceed with design and construction
2. Recommends that the Artesian Court be designated as a park and operated by OPARD pending additional funding
3. Recommends adding \$53,000 to the 2014 CFP for this project.
4. Recommends a phased approach that would allow for the addition of "active" recreation, interpretive displays and reasonably accessible restrooms. PRAC believes this site would be a good place for a restroom.

The Committee voted unanimously on Recommendations #1, #2, #4. Committee voted 7-1 on Recommendation #3, with Mr. Hodge voting nay.

Mr. Neiland, Vice Chair, will draft and submit the recommendation letter to City Council.

7. OTHER BUSINESS ITEMS

Dog Park Update. Three of the potential sites that were identified for the new off-leash dog park have not materialized. Staff will meet with The Evergreen State College this month. The concern with the college site is that it is the same size as the Sunrise off-leash area. Another option is to look at opening several small dog parks at the same time.

Meeting with City Manager and OPARD Director - Members chose July 10 at the Harbor House for the meeting with the City Manager and OPARD Director. Mr. Turlove will verify this date works with their calendars.

8. REPORTS FROM PROJECT LEADS

Nothing to report.

9. SUBCOMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS

10. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Upcoming

Next PRAC meeting will be held on May 2, 2013.

Accommodations