

# City of Olympia

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



## **Meeting Minutes - Draft**

**Thursday, February 7, 2013**

**6:00 pm**

**The Olympia Center, Room 200**

**Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee**

## 1. CALL TO ORDER

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

### 1.A ROLL CALL

**Present:** 8 - Chair Robert L (Rob) Ahlschwede, Vice Chair Jim Nieland, Committee Member Barbara Benson, Committee Member Robert Dengel, Committee Member Jesse Dwyer, Committee Member Joel Hansen, Committee Member James Reddick, and Committee Member Brian Tomlinson

**Absent:** 2 - Committee Member Gerry Hodge, and Committee Member Dave Hughes

## 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Agenda was approved.

## 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

### 3.A Approval of December 6, 2012 PRAC Meeting Minutes

**Attachments:** [Minutes](#)

Minutes were approved.

### 3.B Approval of December 17, 2012 PRAC Special Meeting Minutes

**Attachments:** [Minutes](#)

Minutes were approved.

## 4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Brandon Gulliver, University Place, spoke about the need for a new skate park in Olympia. He stated the current skate park at Yauger Park is borderline unsafe and doesn't allow for skating progression. Other Olympia skaters attended the meeting and voiced their request for a new skate park. They stated that there is negative activity like drugs and alcohol consumption that happens at the skate park due to the deep bowl and "hidden" areas. They would like to see a covered skate park in a good location that would be designed by skaters. They stated that under the I-5 bridge by Capital Lake would be a great location.

PRAC encouraged them to stay active and get the word out, as well as try to gather support from businesses and friends.

## 5. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Robert Dengel announced the arrival of his new son, John.

Rob Ahlschwede announced that the City will be holding interviews for new advisory committee members and encouraged PRAC to spread the word to bring in more applications.

James Reddick stated that Thurston County is closing their maintenance facility at the old McClane Fire Station. The City might want to consider this for a satellite maintenance facility.

Jim Neiland suggested adding to the work plan a review of skate parks in the City to get an idea of the scope of the issue. The sub-committee members will include Joel Hansen and Brian Tomlinson.

## 6. BUSINESS ITEMS

### 6.A Artesian Court Draft Concept Plan

Linda Oestreich, OPARD Director, gave an overview of the Artesian Court process to date. The City has formed a Design Team made up of department directors, staff and Councilmembers. The design is being done entirely inhouse. The City will also be working on an operation and maintenance plan and looking at programming for the space. The approximate cost will be \$200,000. The City currently has \$100,000 which was appropriated in the 2013 Capital Facilities Plan.

Dave Okerlund, Parks Planning Manager, reviewed the draft concept plan and described each of the amenities. Staff will be meeting with groups and neighbors over the next month. The first public meeting will be held on March 7, 2013.

Questions and comments by members included:

- Can a second water outlet be added?
- Concerned about funding and operations and maintenance. Need to have figured out before going to public.
- Concerned about vandalism and theft.
- Concerned about the condition of the pavement and how long it would remain suitable for basketball/sports.

## 7. REPORTS FROM PROJECT LEADS

Jim Neiland reported that Tuesday night the City Council approved PRAC's recommendation for the new off-leash dog park as well as the block closure to Sunrise Park dog area. Mr. Nieland thanked everyone involved.

## 8. SUBCOMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS

**North Capitol Campus Heritage Park Development Association** - In February, a reception will be held at the Governor's Mansion. The association is pushing to have the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP) fully funded this year.

**Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee** - None.

**Olympia Planning Commission** - Commission is finishing their recommendations on the Comprehensive Plan; should be wrapped up in March. With regard to the Shoreline Master Plan, the City Council has approved the purchase of visualization software.

**PARC Foundation of Thurston County** - If every member of the jurisdictions' advisory committees sold a packet of tickets the foundation would be able to raise \$3,000.

## 9. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

## **Upcoming**

## **Accommodations**