

# City of Olympia

City Hall  
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## Meeting Minutes - Draft

Thursday, January 21, 2021

6:00 PM

Register to attend:

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**Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m.

**1.A ROLL CALL**

**Present:** 7 - Chair Maria Ruth, Vice Chair Brock Milliern, Committee member Brent Barnes, Committee member Barbara Benson, Committee member Spence Cearns, Committee member Kyle Guzlas and Committee member Kim Murillo

**Excused:** 1 - Committee member Tiffany Sandy

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Committee member Cearns moved, seconded by Committee member Barnes, to approved the agenda. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.**

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Vice Chair Milliern moved, seconded by Committee member Guzlas, to approved the December 17, 2020 minutes. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.**

Approval of December 17, 2020 Parks & Recreation Advisory  
Committee Meeting Minutes

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

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Jessicarae Nunez shared concerns about diminished soccer field availability associated with the proposed school co-location at the Yelm Highway Community Park site.

**5. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Staff member, Laura Keehan, shared that Council approved a proposal to provide stipends to Advisory Committee members. It will not take effect until April and more information will be provided at PRAC's March meeting.

**6. BUSINESS ITEMS**

Yelm Hwy Community Park & Secondary School Co-Location  
Recommendation

**Attachments:** [Project Webpage](#)

A subcommittee of three PRAC members that had been formed at the December meeting shared eight concerns associated with the proposed co-location of a secondary school at the park site. The full Committee discussed the benefits and drawbacks and asked questions of city and school district staff. A motion was made by Committee Member Murillo and seconded by Committee Member Benson to continue exploring a partnership with the Olympia School District to locate a secondary school at the Yelm Highway Community Park site with the caveat that the eight concerns outlined by the subcommittee be forwarded to Council for consideration; the motion failed, 2-yes, 5-no. Further discussion ensued. A motion was made by Committee Member Barnes and seconded by Committee Member Guzlas to not recommend continuing to explore a partnership with the Olympia School District to locate a secondary school at the Yelm Highway Community Park site based on the eight concerns presented by the PRAC subcommittee; the motion passed, 4-yes, 3-no.

**A motion was made by Committee Member Barnes and seconded by Committee Member Guzlas to not recommend continuing to explore a partnership with the Olympia School District to locate a secondary school at the Yelm Highway Community Park site based on the eight concerns presented by the PRAC subcommittee; the motion passed, 4-yes, 3-no, with Committee Members Murillo, Benson and Cearns voting no.**

**Excused:** 1 - Committee member Sandy

#### Thurston Climate Mitigation Plan Briefing

Staff members, Susan Clark and Pamela Braff, provided an overview of the Thurston Region Climate Mitigation Plan. Committee members asked questions and shared their interest in future involvement regarding a role for parks in climate mitigation.

**Information only. No action requested.**

#### Draft PRAC 2021-2022 Work Plan and Chair Elections

**Attachments:** [Draft Work Plan](#)

Staff presented the draft work plan for April 2021-March 2022. Committee members requested a recreation briefing and arts program briefing be added. The Committee also voted to maintain the current Chair and Vice-chairs in their roles for 2021.

**Committee member Guzlas moved and Committee member Benson seconded to approve Chair Ruth and Vice-chair Milliern to continue serving in their roles for 2021. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

## 7. REPORTS

There was not a recent OMPD Advisory Committee meeting to report on. The Aquatics Study recently played a card game with the stakeholder group to understand facility feature preferences. PRAC will receive a briefing on the results at the March meeting. The Thurston Region Climate Plan will be presented on Feb. 2 to Olympia City Council for approval. Committee member Murillo plans to attend and testify that PRAC supports the Plan.

**8. QUESTIONS OF STAFF AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

There were no questions for staff. The Aquatics Study and Parks Plan are planned agenda topics for March.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

**Upcoming**

**Accommodations**