



Meeting Minutes

Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee

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Thursday, March 17, 2022

6:00 PM

Room 207

Register to attend:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_FvzZ18ErSCOHTLEYnRkB-w

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

1.A ROLL CALL

Present: 6 - Chair Maria Ruth, Vice Chair Brock Milliern, Committee member Brent Barnes, Committee member Barbara Benson, Committee member Kim Murillo and Committee member Tiffany Sandy

Absent: 3 - Committee member Spence Cearns, Committee member Kyle Guzlas and Committee member Alecia Johnson

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.A [22-0215](#) Approval of January 20, 2022, Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

The minutes were approved.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS - None

6. BUSINESS ITEMS

6.A [22-0262](#) Public Hearing for Proposed Renaming of Priest Point Park to Squaxin Park

Parks Planning and Maintenance Director Sylvana Niehuser provided the presentation. Charlene Krise provided the perspective comments of the Squaxin Tribe regarding the proposed name change.

Chair Ruth opened the public hearing at 6:10 p.m. The following people spoke: Jim

Martin, Jim Grant, Holly Davies, Kathy Baros Friedt, Marcy LaViollette, Cory Parsons, Debe Edden, Greg Griffith, Elizabeth Schmitz, Zoltan Grossman, James Martinez, Caroline Mellor, Meg Martin, Emmett O'Connell, Katrina Keleher, Ellen Zito, Laurie Rasmussen, Tyra Zeigler, Carol Kautzmann, Regon Unsoeld, and Edwin Oscar Jr. Gutierrez. Chair Ruth closed the public hearing at 7:05 p.m.

Vice Chair Milliern moved, seconded by Committee member Barnes, to forward a recommendation in support of renaming the Park to City Council for consideration. The motion passed unanimously.

6.B [22-0264](#) OPARD Equity in Hiring Practices

Parks Operations and Maintenance Manager Charles Rambo gave the presentation. Ms. Niehuser provided comments. Kim Murillo asked about posting on bulletin boards.

Parks and Recreations Director Paul Simmons and City Manager Jay Burney provided an update on the Olympia School District co-location on the Yelm Highway Parcel. They thanked PRAC for their efforts.

The discussion was completed.

7. REPORTS - None

8. QUESTIONS OF STAFF AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS - None

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.