

# City of Olympia

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## Meeting Minutes - Draft

Thursday, October 15, 2015

6:00 PM

Room 207

**Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:07 p.m.

**Present:** 5 - Chair Jim Nieland, Vice Chair Timothy W Burns, Committee member Robert Dengel, Committee member Candace Jacobs, and Committee member Brian Tomlinson

**Absent:** 4 - Committee member Barbara Benson, Committee member Gerry Hodge, Committee member Brock Milliern, and Committee member Alicia Seegers Martinelli

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The agenda was approved.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

4. Approval of September 17, 2015 Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

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

The minutes were approved.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Yes On Parks Steering Committee Member Bonnie Jacobs spoke about Proposition 1 campaign efforts.

PARC Foundation President James Reddick spoke about grant applications to the Nisqually Tribe, the Puddle Jump on Chehalis Western Trail, 5k walk/run/stroll on November 7 and Department of DSHS walkathon fundraising to support specialized recreation.

**5. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

A. Metropolitan Parks District (MPD) fact sheet was mailed to every household in Olympia with a registered voter.

B. The draft 2016 Parks, Arts and Recreation Plan will be presented to City Council on November 17 and PRAC will make recommendation at its December 17 meeting.

**6. BUSINESS ITEMS**

**A. Cammarano Land Donation - PRAC is to make a recommendation to City Council.**

Parks Planning and Design Supervisor Dave Okerlund reviewed the Cammarano

parcel locations and its close proximity to the Olympia Woodland Trail. He indicated the property is basically undevelopable and is in an area where homeless encampments have been in the past. The acceptance of this donation would meet the Park Plan goals for expansion of park land. PRAC recommended that the City accept the donation.

**B. Annual Park Survey Effort - PRAC members to share results.**

Mr. Turlove presented the results of the Evergreen Park Survey completed by Committee member Benson. Park users wanted the glider swing back and a garbage can placed next to the picnic table. Some users also asked for another picnic table and playground equipment.

Committee member Dengal reported that park users at Sunrise Park were excited about the new playground.

**7. REPORTS**

**A. North Capitol Campus Heritage Park Development Assoc. - None**

**B. PARC Foundation of Thurston County - None.**

**C. Artesian Leadership Committee**

Parks Director Paul Simmons reported the City has been active in partnering with various organizations, such as downtown businesses, CYS and the Ambassadors. This summer the park held 19 special events and 184 hours of active programming. The Bridge program was very popular with their 6 events that included music and DJs. The park has undergone various design enhancements, such as a new fence, basketball hoop, permanent tables and chairs, and umbrellas. Mr. Simmons is working on applying for grants to fund a dedicated park ambassador from April-October.

**8. QUESTIONS OF STAFF OR SUGGESTIONS FOR NEXT AGENDA - None**

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.