

# City of Olympia

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



## **Meeting Minutes - Draft**

**Thursday, December 5, 2013**

**6:00 pm**

**The Olympia Center, Room 200**

## **Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m.

**Present:** 9 - Chair Robert L (Rob) Ahlschwede, Vice Chair Jim Nieland, Committee Member Barbara Benson, Committee Member Robert Dengel, Committee Member Jesse Dwyer, Committee Member Gerry Hodge, Committee Member Dave Hughes, Committee Member Noah C McCord, and Committee Member Brian Tomlinson

**Absent:** 2 - Committee Member Jessica Bateman, and Committee Member Joel Hansen

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Agenda was approved.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes were approved.

**3.A** Approval of October 3, 2013 Parks and Recreation Advisory  
Committee Meeting Minutes

**Attachments:** [1. Minutes](#)

**4. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Paul Simmons introduced himself as the new Director for the Parks, Arts and Recreation Department. He stated he was excited to be in Olympia and looks forward to working with the committee.

James Reddick stated the Regional Park Board Meeting will meet in Tenino on January 29 at 6 p.m. More information will be emailed in January. Mr. Reddick stated the PARC Foundation received 4 grants from the Nisqually Tribe.

**5. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**6. BUSINESS ITEMS**

**A. LBA Woods Presentation (Brian Faller)**

Mr. Brian Faller and several members of the LBA Woods Park Coalition presented a powerpoint on the need to purchase open space properties surrounding LBA Park. The properties are currently slated to be developed with large housing developments. The Coalition advised the Committee and staff to evaluation potential uses of the

properties to address community needs and to contact owners regarding purchase options.

**B. PRAC Evaluations Briefing**

Gerry Hodge presented a powerpoint on the park evaluations completed by PRAC.

**C. Election of Chair and Vice Chair for 2014**

Committee unanimously elected Jim Nieland, Chair and Gerry Hodge, Vice-Chair.

**D. 2014 Workplan**

The workplan was reviewed and sub-committees and leads were added. PRAC added a new item relating to the collection of data to support the need for more or improved ballfields.

**E. Finalize Meeting Dates for 2014**

The Committee agreed to keep the meeting months the same as 2013 and meet in February, April, May, June, August, September, October and December. Meetings will now be on the 3rd Thursday of the month to avoid conflicts with other advisory committee meetings.

**F. ActiveNet Presentation (Scott River)**

Scott River presented the new ActiveNet online registration system for classes and programs. He demonstrated several features of the new system.

**7. REPORTS**

**Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (Jesse Dwyer):** BPAC is currently looking at bicycle parking code and 4 bike spots are required at parks.

**8. OTHER TOPICS**

The Committee had a short discussion on the Isthmus. They asked Councilmember Jones to request the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) to include a member of PRAC on their committee.

The 2014 budget is the first budget with no FTE cuts. The budget includes an addition of .25 FTE for Urban Forestry and \$100,000 for wayfinding signs for bicyclists on less volume streets.

The Port is installing a new fueling facility for boats along with with \$4.5 million dredging project.

Angie Regensburg has a new book out called *Explore Olympia Tumwater and Lacey*.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

### **Upcoming**

Next meeting will be February 20, 2014.

### **Accommodations**