



Meeting Minutes

Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee

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Thursday, June 18, 2020

6:00 PM

Online and via Phone

Register to attend:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_EKgTJE9dQRaFGbm27-YAVA

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

1.A ROLL CALL

Present: 9 - Chair Maria Ruth, Committee member Brent Barnes, Committee member Barbara Benson, Committee member Spence Cearns, Committee member Kyle Guzlas, Committee member Rhianna Hruska, Committee member Rhianna Hruska, Committee member Kim Murillo and Committee member Tiffany Sandy

Excused: 1 - Vice Chair Brock Milliern

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved.

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3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.A [20-0476](#) Approval of May 21, 2020 Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

The minutes were approved.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Ruth stated several public comment emails were received from tennis and pickleball players interested in the court reconstruction at Woodruff Park. She noted pickleball had been requested in the last Parks Plan and the current project will accommodate both pickleball and tennis players. She described ways for the public to engage with the upcoming Parks Plan update process. Committee member Milliern sent an email about the growing popularity of pickleball that was read by staff. Staff shared information about the current project.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Staff announced an email will be forwarded to Committee members with details about new changes associated with Phase 3 of the COVID-19 reopening plan.

6. BUSINESS ITEMS

6.A [20-0477](#) Stewardship Program Modifications Due to COVID-19

Park Stewardship Supervisor Amy Stull and Program Specialist Jennifer Gessley-Gayman shared a presentation on the *Parks Stewardship* and *Volunteers in Parks* programs. The presentation centered on modifications staff has made to the programs in light of restrictions associated with COVID-19. A discussion about how to involve more members of the community and volunteers ensued.

The discussion was completed.

6.B [20-0478](#) Olympia Parks, Arts & Recreation Plan Update

Parks Planning & Design Manager/Staff Liaison Laura Keehan gave a presentation about the upcoming Olympia Parks, Arts and Recreation Plan update process. The Plan will delve deeper into areas of Equity and Inclusion. Committee members discussed ideas for public engagement and some members volunteered to be involved with Pop-up events at parks.

The discussion was completed.

7. REPORTS - None

8. QUESTIONS OF STAFF - None

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Upcoming

The next meeting will be August 20, 2020.