



Meeting Minutes

Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee

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Thursday, May 21, 2020

6:00 PM

Online or via Phone

Register to attend:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_mXQsWQHcQK-fLvF-NfFu0Q

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Ruth called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

1.A ROLL CALL

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

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 3.A [20-0196](#) Approval of February 20, 2020 Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

The minutes were approved.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Planning & Design Manager/Staff Liaison Laura Keehan reminded Committee members to complete the Open Public Meetings Act training which is required for all members.

Capital project updates:

- Dog parks are delayed due to permits and public hearings.
- The ADA wall project at LBA Park is complete.
- Woodruff Park sports courts project is underway and should be completed by July.

- 5.A [20-0397](#) PRAC New Member Introductions

New Committee members Cearns, Sandy and Barnes introduced themselves.

The recognition was received.

6. BUSINESS ITEMS

6.A [20-0399](#) Parks Current Status Update

Parks, Arts & Recreation Director Paul Simmons gave an update on the status of parks since the COVID-19 quarantine. He included information on budget cuts, parks maintenance changes and open/close procedures for parks. Committee members asked clarifying questions.

The discussion was completed.

6.B [20-0275](#) Regional Aquatic Facility Feasibility Study Update

Mr. Simmons gave an update on the Aquatic Facility Feasibility Study timeline and process. Committee members Sandy and Barnes volunteered to serve on the project's stakeholder committee.

The discussion was completed.

6.C [20-0398](#) Revise PRAC 2020-2021 Work Plan Due to COVID-19

Committee members discussed the Work Plan and made revisions according to City Council's recommended three-tier approach to help address the COVID-19 emergency.

Tier 1 (New item):

OPARD COVID-19 Update

Tier 2:

Stewardship Program Update

Outdoor Adult Fitness Equipment & Fitness in Parks

Arts Program

Tier 3:

Parks Plan

Yelm Highway Master Plan

Aquatic Feasibility Study

Chair Ruth will write a letter to City Council. Members asked that a statement be added to the letter to say that parks are integral and vital for recovery of the community.

The discussion was completed.

6.D [20-0272](#) Letters of Support for 2020 Park Grant Applications

The Committee unanimously voted to approve writing letters of support for the grant applications.

6.E [20-0260](#) Yelm Highway Community Park Master Plan Concepts

Ms. Keehan updated the Committee on the Yelm Highway Master Plan progress. She reviewed three concept designs. Members asked clarifying questions.

The report was received.

7. REPORTS

Committee member Hruska announced the Olympia Metropolitan Park District (OMPD) Advisory Committee will meet on July 8. Committee member Murillo will be added to the meeting agendas to report on the Regional Climate Change Plan. Committee members Barnes and Sandy will be added to the meeting agendas to report on the Aquatic Facility Feasibility Study.

8. QUESTIONS OF STAFF - None

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Upcoming

The next meeting will be June 18, 2020 via Zoom. Agenda items will be:

- Stewardship Update
- Parks Plan Update