



Meeting Minutes

Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee

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Thursday, October 21, 2021

6:00 PM

Phone and Online

Register to attend:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_153PAk4USISLnP28HXMziA

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m.

1.A ROLL CALL

Present: 8 - Chair Maria Ruth, Vice Chair Brock Milliarn, Committee member Brent Barnes, Committee member Barbara Benson, Committee member Kyle Guzlas, Committee member Kim Murillo, Committee member Tiffany Sandy and Committee member Alecia Johnson

Absent: 1 - Committee member Spence Cearns

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[21-0987](#) Approval of September 16, 2021 Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

The minutes were approved.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Bob Jacobs discussed the importance of neighborhood parks within 1/2 mile and land acquisition.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS

1) Public meeting on October 28, 2021 will present the conceptual vision for the aquatic study.

2) Program Specialist Jennifer Gessley-Gayman gave an update on the sensory gardens. The City did not receive the grant but is moving forward with the design at Decatur. Kettle View will be next. Also, SSPTP liked the idea of communication boards near playgrounds. They recommended a local artist with Down Syndrome that would be

willing to work on the design.

3) Kyle Guzlas announced the developer, Romano Capital, pulled out of the 10 acre development next to LBA Woods.

6. BUSINESS ITEMS

[21-1012](#) Public Hearing and Recommendation for Proposed Park Naming for 911 Adams St SE - Rebecca Howard Park for Peace and Healing

Director Paul Simmons presented background on the proposed park name.

Director Simmons opened the public hearing at 6:33 p.m. The following people spoke: Olivia Salazar de Breaux and Greg Griffith. Director Simmons closed the public hearing at 6:39 p.m.

The Committee discussed the proposed name.

Committee member Benson moved, seconded by Vice Chair Milliern, to authorize the Chair to write a letter recommending approval of the park name as Rebecca Howard Park for Peace and Healing. The motion passed unanimously.

[21-1011](#) Yelm Highway Community Park Update

Parks Planning & Design Manager Laura Keehan presented the proposal concept plan for the phase 1 southern portion of the park and reviewed the survey results. PRAC members agreed to hold a special meeting on December 2, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. on Zoom to hear a presentation from the Olympia School District and Berger Partnership on the District's response to PRAC's letter on school co-location.

The discussion was completed.

[21-1010](#) Draft Parks, Arts and Recreation Plan Recommendation

Ms. Keehan reviewed public feedback received on the draft plan. PRAC members provided input and ideas for revisions to the draft.

Committee member Benson moved, seconded by Committee member Guzlas, to authorize the Chair to write a letter recommending approval of the draft plan. The motion passed unanimously.

7. REPORTS

OMPD: Committee member Benson provided an overview of the recent advisory committee meeting and letter.

8. QUESTIONS OF STAFF AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS - None

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.