



# Meeting Minutes

## Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee

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**Thursday, June 16, 2022**

**6:00 PM**

**Room 207**

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**1.A ROLL CALL**

**Present:** 8 - Chair Maria Ruth, Committee member Brent Barnes, Committee member Daniel Farber, Committee member Jamie Gerken, Committee member Kyle Guzlas, Committee member Kim Murillo, Committee member Alexandria Safiq and Committee member Tiffany Sandy

**Absent:** 1 - Committee member Spence Cearns

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The agenda was approved.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**3.A** [22-0570](#) Approval of May 19, 2022 Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

The minutes were approved.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Bob Jacobs commented that he was glad the PRAC meetings were in person and hopes this will be permanent. He is concerned that in person meetings exclude the immune-compromised. He suggests the City should add a hybrid option to help satisfy ADA requirements. Mr. Jacobs read an analysis on the half a mile goal for Parks within walking distance and believes the distance could be increased to "as the crow flies".

**5. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Staff Liaison Laura Keehan made the following announcements:  
The City's Juneteenth celebration is this Sunday, June 19h at Rebecca Howard Park.  
The spray ground at Woodruff Park is open everyday from 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
There are tours of the Armory building the first Thursday of the month.

**6. BUSINESS ITEMS**

**6.A**     [22-0577](#)     Armory Creative Campus Update

Program Specialist Angel Nava presented an update on the Armory Creative Campus.

**The report was received.**

**6.B**     [22-0584](#)     Updates on Sensory Gardens and Bee City USA, Two Park Stewardship Projects

Park Stewardship Supervisor Amy Stull and Program Specialist Jennifer Gessley-Gayman gave a presentation on the sensory garden and Bee City USA.

**The discussion was completed.**

**6.C**     [22-0585](#)     Letters of Support for 2022 Park Grant Applications

**Committee member Barnes moved, seconded by Committee member Gerken, to authorize the Chair to prepare letters of support for the 2022 park grant applications. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Absent:**     1 - Committee member Cearns

**Abstained:** 1 - Committee member Guzlas

**7.        REPORTS**

Committee member Farber reported the Olympia Metropolitan Park District Advisory Committee meets twice a year to review the City's actions to be consistent between the Metropolitan Park District Board and the City. The Committee will meet next in October.

**8.        QUESTIONS OF STAFF AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Chair Ruth asked if Director Simmons could provide a brief overview on the basics of the budget at the next PRAC meeting. She asked if budget materials could be made available well in advance of the next PRAC meeting.

Committee member Gerken asked if volunteers could help set up audio equipment to allow for a hybrid meeting option.

**8.A**     [22-0764](#)     ADDING DURING MEETING - Recommendation to Hold Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Meetings in a Hybrid Format

**Committee member Farber moved, seconded by Committee member Guzlas, to recommend to the full City Council that the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee hold its meetings in a hybrid format to assure inclusive participation by the public, especially recognizing the need to protect the immune-compromised during the COVID-19 pandemic. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 8 - Chair Ruth, Committee member Barnes, Committee member Farber, Committee member Gerken, Committee member Guzlas, Committee member Murillo, Committee member Safiq and Committee member Sandy

**Absent:** 1 - Committee member Cearns

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.