



PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES October 7, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

Chair McCarthy called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm via Zoom Online meeting.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Don Cohen, Jodi McCarthy, Sara Marxen, Peter Struck and Sara Berkenwald were present.

Absent: Paul Burstein, Rory Westberg.

Councilmember Jake Jacobson was present.

Emily Moon, Consultant, was present.

Staff present were Ryan Daly, Operations Transition Team Manager, Merrill Thomas-Schadt, Recreation Coordinator.

APPEARANCES

None

REGULAR BUSINESS

1. Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the meetings were presented.

MOTION:

Cohen motioned to accept the minutes from the October meeting as presented. Struck seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

2. Differential Pricing Policy

Moon presented updated policy, identified areas where changes or updates had been made using feedback from July meeting.

McCarthy moved to endorse the policy with amended language; Struck seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

3. Mercer Island Community and Event Center Facility Allocation & Use Policy

Moon presented on the background and proposed policy language. Commissioners expressed concern about the prohibition of commercial sales during rentals at the MICEC. Moon stated that staff would keep working on proposed language for the Commission to review. Marxen and Cohen requested examples of other cities which utilize a revenue share model for business conducted during rentals. Commissioners generally expressed consensus for the facility to provide diverse access and to maximize usage through rentals and that staff have flexibility in authorizing use. Staff

will provide Commissioners with more details on the types of user groups and events that have used the facility in the past.

Commissioner Berkenwald left the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

4. Recreation Reset and 2022 Division Outlook

Daly presented draft staffing model and budget proposals.

OTHER BUSINESS

5. Commission Meeting Update

Incorporated in Department Report

6. Department Report and Update

Daly provided presentation.

7. Commissioner Reports

McCarthy reported on a project interview process for Aubrey Davis Park.

Struck thanked citizens for reporting issues seen in the parks, and staff acting quickly.

ADJOURNMENT at 8:04PM