



PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

SPECIAL HYBRID MEETING MINUTES

October 8, 2024

CALL TO ORDER

The Parks & Recreation Commission was called to order by Chair Struck at 5:00 pm.

ROLL CALL

Chair Peter Struck, Vice Chair Paul Burstein, and Commissioners, Don Cohen, Ashley Hay, and Sara Marxen were present for the Parks & Recreation Commission. Council Liaison Craig Reynolds was present.

Commissioners Jodi McCarthy and Rory Westberg were absent.

City Manager Jessi Bon, Management Analyst II Carson Hornsby, Recreation Manager Ryan Daly, Parks Operations Manager Sam Harb, and Recreation Specialist Raven Gillis were present.

APPEARANCES

Sue Stewart, Mercer Island, addressed the Parks & Recreation Commission regarding the P-Patch

STAFF LIAISON REPORT

1. Recreation Manager Ryan Daly reported on the following items:

- Project Updates:
 - Public Input on Clarke & Groveland Beaches
 - Luther Burbank Boiler Building
 - Pickleball Courts at LBP
- Good News:
 - Family Movie Night Fun
 - Mid-Autumn Festival
 - Winter Web-Special for Athletic Fields
- Upcoming Programs and Events
 - Arbor Day
 - Urban Sketching Class with MIVAL
 - Friday Pre Ballet classes
 - Hallo-Weekend! Town Center Trick or Treating & Pumkin Walk
- Planning Schedule

SPECIAL BUSINESS

2. Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the September 5, 2024 Regular Meeting were presented.

It was moved by Hay; seconded by Marxen to:

Approve the minutes from the September 5, 2024 Regular Meeting

Passed: 5 – 0

3. PRC 24-12: Parks Zone Development Discussion

City Manager Jessi Bon presented and led the Commissioners in discussion. Commissioners engaged in discussion, asked questions, and provided input.

OTHER BUSINESS

4. Absences and Commissioner Reports

Chair Struck asked for a motion to excuse Commissioner McCarthy's & Commissioner Westberg's absences from tonight's meeting.

It was moved by Hay; seconded by Vice Chair Burstein to:

Excuse Commissioner McCarthy's and Commissioner Westberg's absences from tonight's meeting

Passed: 5 – 0

Commissioner Cohen reported on photographs he had shared with select City Staff from his recent visit to a Boston suburb to share his impression of their well-manicured trail system as it reminded him of discussions had related to the acquisition of property and/or the rights to use property.

Councilmember Reynolds reported that he will be traveling during the next PRC meeting, and it is unlikely that he will be able to attend.

Commissioner Hay reported that she has noticed a lot of motorized bicycles on the roads, in the parks, and on the trails – traveling at high speeds and destroying some areas of the parks. She's happy to see that City Staff is taking action to ensure the safe and responsible usage of e-bikes and e-scooters and asks that the Commission remember to align the Parks code with the City code while reviewing following the Parks Zone.

ADJOURNMENT at 6:40 PM