



PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION SPECIAL HYBRID MEETING MINUTES January 9, 2025

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

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

Vice Chair Paul Burstein and Commissioner Jodi McCarthy were absent.

City Manager Jessi Bon, Management Analyst II Carson Hornsby, Recreation Manager Ryan Daly, Parks Operations Manager Sam Harb, Chief of Operations Jason Kintner, Deputy Public Works Director Alaine Sommargren, Deputy Public Works Director Kelly Hilde, Community Planning & Development Deputy Director Alison Van Gorp, Recreation Supervisor Katie Herzog, and Recreation Specialist Raven Gillis were present.

Kelly Pratt, outside counsel with Madrona Law, was present.

APPEARANCES

Don Thompson, Mercer Island, addressed the Parks & Recreation Commission regarding the Parks Zone

STAFF LIAISON REPORT

1. Staff Liaison Report & Planning Schedule Update

Recreation Manager Ryan Daly reported on the following:

- Project Updates
 - Clarke & Groveland Beach Joint Planning Process
 - Playground Replacements
 - Public Art Reinstallation at First Hill Park
- Good News
 - Athletic Field Bookings Pilot Program
 - MICEC Annual Maintenance
 - Festive Fun and Memories Made! 2024 December Special Events Wrap-up!
- Parks and Recreation Commission Planning Schedule

SPECIAL BUSINESS

1. Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the November 7, 2024 Regular Meeting were presented.

It was moved by Westberg; seconded by Hay to:

Approve the minutes from the November 7, 2024 Meeting

Passed: 5 – 0

3. PRC 24-13: Parks Zone Development Discussion

City Manager Jessi Bon presented and led the Commissioners in discussion. Commissioners engaged in discussion, asked questions, and provided feedback on the draft Parks Zone development regulations.

Recess from 6:57pm to 7:08pm

OTHER BUSINESS

4. Absences and Commissioner Reports

No future absences reported

Commissioner Westberg shared his observation of the popularity of the new Pickleball courts at Luther Burbank Park, highlighting how much they are used, even in damp and cloudy weather.

Chair Struck thanked the Recreation team for opening the MICEC during last November's Bomb Cyclone event, noting it provided a wonderful opportunity for socializing and engaging in great conversations while waiting for phones to charge

Chair Struck asked for a motion to excuse Vice Chair Burstein's and Commissioner McCarthy's absences from tonight's meeting.

It was moved by Westberg; seconded by Marxen to:

Excuse Vice Chair Burstein's and Commissioner McCarthy's absences from tonight's meeting

Passed: 5 – 0

ADJOURNMENT at 7:30 PM