



PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES March 18, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Rory Westberg, Don Cohen, Jodi McCarthy, and Peter Struck were present. Consultant Emily Moon was present.

Staff present Ryan Daly, Operations Transition Team Manager, Jason Kintner, Public Works Director, Katie Herzog, Recreation & Operations Coordinator and Merrill Thomas-Schadt, Recreation & Operations Coordinator.

APPEARANCES

No appearances

SPECIAL BUSINESS

1. Approve 2.25.2021 minutes

Commissioner Cohen motioned to approve minutes; Commissioner McCarthy seconded. Motion approved 4-0.

2. Recreation Recovery/Reset Plan

Recommended Action:

Receive presentation, review and comment on the draft Reset Strategy, discuss and provide input on City's future differential pricing policies, receive draft fee schedule; ask questions and/or offer comments.

Westberg and McCarthy suggested opening the building for less staff-intensive programming and drop-in activity. Struck suggested looking at other 'competitors' to not duplicate services. Westberg encouraged senior programming to combat isolation that seniors have experienced. Daly reminded Commission that therapeutic and specialized recreation services were in collaboration with opportunities provided by the City of Bellevue. Cohen suggested a footnote about this in the strategy. Westberg asked about next steps of after the strategy is approved to ensure consistent ongoing implementation. Moon explained that the Commission will continue to work with staff on topics relating to the strategy, that staff will reference strategy in future programming and operations, and that much is still in development.

BREAK 6:45pm

Moon introduced and explained concept of differential pricing; what is currently utilized on Mercer Island and what options we may consider. McCarthy suggested an option to pay more than required, if customers wanted to support scholarships or a particular program. Cohen asked for examples of how to impact diversity, equity and inclusion by differential pricing.

Staff will return to the April 1st meeting with the proposed strategy and resources required to implement phase 1.

Thomas-Schadt presented context to the draft Fee Schedule.

MEETING ADJOURNED 7:20PM