



JOINT PLANNING/PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSIONS SPECIAL HYBRID MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, February 8, 2024

CALL TO ORDER

The Joint Meeting of the Planning and Parks and Recreation Commissions was called to order by Chair Murphy at 6:02 pm.

Planning Commission: Chair Michael Murphy and Commissioners Kate Akyuz, Carolyn Boatsman, Chris Goelz, Victor Raisys, and Adam Ragheb were present remotely.

Commissioner Angela Battazzo was absent.

Parks and Recreation Commission: Chair Peter Struck and Commissioners Jodi McCarthy, Don Cohen, Sara Marxen, and Ashley Hay were present remotely.

Vice Chair Paul Burstein and Rory Westberg were absent.

Staff Participation: Jessi Bon, City Manager and Deb Estrada, Deputy City Clerk

APPEARANCES

- Meg Lippert, Mercer Island, addressed the Commissions regarding the proposed Park Zone.
- Gary Robinson, Mercer Island, addressed the Commissions regarding the proposed Park Zone.

SPECIAL BUSINESS

1. PCB24-02: Update on Parks Zoning Code Development Process

Jessi Bon, City Manager, met with the Parks and Recreation Commission (PRC) and Planning Commission (PC) to discuss the revised review process for development of the new Parks Zone. Bon's presentation addressed the following:

- Facilities Overview and Update:
 - Permanent Closure of City Hall
 - Long Range Facility Planning
 - Public Works Building
 - Facilities Planning – Next Steps
 - Parks are Not Under Consideration for a new City Hall
- 2024 Comprehensive Plan Update
 - Comprehensive Plan/Parks Zone Background
 - Technical Reports
 - Comp Plan Updates related to Parks and Recreation
 - Parks Zone Legislative Review Paused
- Overview of 2022 PROS Plan
 - Parks, Recreation & Open Space Plan
 - PROS Plan – Goals and Future Initiatives
 - Other Parks and Recreation Plans
 - Is the PROS Plan policy or operational?
- Future Parks Zone

- Drafting Code Examples:
 - Parking
 - Luther Burbank Park – Master Planned, Ownership, and Other Codes
 - Street Ends & Landings
- PRC and PC Coordination (Timeline)
 - Parks Zone Development Timeline
 - PRC and PC Coordination/Hand-Off

ADJOURNED - The meeting adjourned at 7:29 pm

Deborah Estrada, MMC, Deputy City Clerk

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