



**PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JOINT MEETING WITH ARTS COUNCIL
June 2, 2022**

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Chair McCarthy, Vice Chair Peter Struck, and Commissioners Don Cohen, Rory Westberg, and Paul Burstein were present for the Parks & Recreation Commission. Arts Council Chair Mitchell, Vice Chair Suzanne Skone, and Arts Council members Rachel Blum, Rosemary Moore, Daniel Becker, and Jonathan Harrington were present for the Arts Council.

Councilmember Craig Reynolds was present.

Staff present were Jason Kintner, Alaine Sommargren, Paul West, Ryan Daly, Chris Delaune, Eleanor Knight, and Raven Gillis.

APPEARANCES

1. Larry Sarchin provided input on the Aubrey Davis
2. Rachel Holloway provided input on the Bike Skills Area

DEPARTMENT REPORT

1. Division Manager Daly/Chief of Operations Kintner reported on the following items:

- Aubrey Davis Park Picnic Shelter Replacement Progress
- Pop-Up Story Walk through June 2, visit the new Pop-Up Story Walk at Luther Burbank Park.
- Wild in the West MIVAL Art Installation at MICEC Gallery
- Mercedale Playground Update
- The Mercer Island Farmers Market 2022 Season kicks off Sunday, June 5!
- Summer Celebration! July 9th! Sponsors needed- help us close the gap! If you know a business that may be interested, please send them our way.
- South Mercer Playfield Project - The City and School District are working on joint project.
- Potential Parks Levy

REGULAR BUSINESS

2. Introduction of Arts Council and Parks and Recreation Commission

Daly invited the Chairs from both boards to share some of their recent previous accomplishments with the group, as well as where they're respective boards are headed. Parks & Recreation Commission Chair McCarthy shared. Arts Council Chair Mitchell shared.

3. Aubrey Davis Park Trail Safety Improvement Project 30% Design

Paul West and KPG Consultants presented. The Commissioners and Arts Council Members asked questions and offered input. It was agreed that the Arts Council will take the lead on the review of arts and placemaking signage elements and to offer their input to the Commission.

4. 2021 Recreation Division Annual Report

Daly & Recreation Coordinator Eleanor Knight presented and invited group to provide input via email.

5. 2022 Recreation Division Services Mid-Year Update

Daly presented

ADJOURNMENT OF JOINT MEETING WITH THE ARTS COUNCIL at 7:31pm

Recess from 7:31 pm to 7:36 pm.

REGULAR MEETING WITH PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION continued at 7:36pm

6. Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Cohen; seconded by Struck to:

Approve the minutes from the May 5, 2022 meeting

Passed: 4 – 0 – 1

7. Bike Skills Area Discussion

Jason Kintner & Alaine Sommargren presented. Commissioners reviewed the presentation, asked questions, engaged in discussion, and provided feedback.

It was moved by Westberg; seconded by Struck to:

Create a Subcommittee to meet to identify a preferred area and report back to the July Parks & Recreation Commission meeting with their recommendation.

Passed: 3 – 1 – 1

It was moved by Cohen; seconded by Burstein that:

The Subcommittee consider not only which site or sites would be the most appropriate, but to also work with Staff to obtain input from impacted user groups.

Passed: 5 – 0

Subcommittee formed: Chair McCarthy, Vice Chair Struck, and Commissioner Burstein. Chair McCarthy noted that the motion previously passed at the 4/26 Special Meeting – to recommend City Council temporarily reopen in Upper Luther Burbank – stands.

OTHER BUSINESS

8. Planning & Meeting Schedule Update

Daly provided update to include updating July's agenda to support including the continued discussion of the Bike Skills Area.

9. Commissioner Reports / Work Plan Update

Burstein reported he's noticed that the tennis/pickleball courts at LBP are actively and regularly being used for Pickleball, and his concerns related to debris build up along the edges. Staff appreciated the feedback.

ADJOURNMENT at 8:33 PM