



PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

February 2, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

Chair McCarthy called the meeting to order at 5:00pm via Zoom Online meeting.

ROLL CALL

Chair Jodi McCarthy, Vice Chair Peter Struck, and Commissioners Don Cohen, Paul Burstein, and Ashley Hay were present for the Parks & Recreation Commission.

Staff present were Jason Kintner, Alaine Sommargren, Clint Morris, Ryan Daly, Paul West, Sarah Bluvas, Katie Herzog, and Raven Gillis.

APPEARANCES

1. Yu L. Chan commented on Bike Skills Area
2. Jennifer Vincent commented on Bike Skills Area
3. Nancy Highiet Morse commented on Bike Skills Area
4. Karen Grove commented on Bike Skills Area
5. Brian Shiers commented on Bike Skills Area

DEPARTMENT REPORT

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

- Mercer Island Community & Event Center – 2023 Hours
- Partnered Programs
- Promoting Recreation at the MIPA Preschool Fair
- MIYFS Foundation 21st Annual Fundraising Breakfast
- MICEC Blood Drive
- Island Lanterns
- South Mercer Playfield Project Update
- Summer Celebration! July 15, 2023 – Sponsors Needed

REGULAR BUSINESS

2. Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the January 5, 2023 Regular Meeting were presented.

It was moved by Hay; seconded by Struck to:

Approve the minutes from the January 5, 2023 meeting

Passed: 5 – 0

3. 2023 CIP Project Update

Jason Kintner, Chief of Operations, Clint Morris, Capital Division Manager, Paul West, CIP Project Manager, and Sarah Bluvas, CIP Project Manager presented. Commissioners reviewed the presentation, asked questions, engaged in discussion, and provided feedback.

4. Bike Skills Area Update & Conceptual Design

Jason Kintner, Chief of Operations, Alaine Sommargren, Deputy Public Works Director, Sarah Bluvas, CIP Project Manager, and consultants presented. Commissioners reviewed the presentation, asked questions, engaged in discussion, and provided feedback.

It was moved by Burstein; seconded by McCarthy to:

Approve the Bike Skills Area 30% design and recommend the City Council proceed to the 60% phase design process.

Passed: 3 – 2

OTHER BUSINESS

5. 2023 Planning Schedule Update

Ryan Daly, Division Manager, provided an update on the 2023 Planning Schedule.

6. Commissioner Reports / Work Plan Update

Struck reported that when he tried to sign up for the recent volunteer event at Luther Burbank Park all the vacancies were filled. He extended a congratulations to the 25 volunteers who signed up early and were able to participate, and made a note to himself, as well as alerted others, to sign up early for these popular events, since they are like Taylor Swift concerts and sell out quickly.

Cohen shared his appreciation to Staff for their responsiveness to his inquiries when he's walking around the parks.

Hay reported that she enjoyed a beautiful day at Luther Burbank Park over the weekend and despite the weather being chilly she noticed the park was full of children enjoying the playground, and the tennis courts were filled with people playing pickleball, as well as a wait list of people waiting to play.

ADJOURNMENT at 6:43 PM