



PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES October 6, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

Chair McCarthy called the meeting to order at 5:32 pm 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.

Councilmember Craig Reynolds was present.

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

APPEARANCES

1. Brian Shiers shared input on Bike Skills Area
2. Stephen Majewski provided input on the Aubrey Davis Park Trail Safety Improvement Project 30% Design

AGENDA AMENDMENT

Staff requested to amend the agenda by switching the order of agenda items 3 and 4 with each other to accommodate schedules.

It was moved by Cohen; seconded by Burstein to:

Approve the amended agenda for this meeting

Passed: 5 – 0

DEPARTMENT REPORT

1. Division Manager Ryan Daly reported on the following items:
 - South Mercer Playfield Project
 - Luther Burbank South Shoreline Project
 - Bike Skills Area Update
 - Volunteer Coordinator – Jordan Fischer
 - Upcoming Restoration Events
 - MICEC Fitness Room Getting a Fresh Look
 - MICEC Operating Hours
 - Celebrating Art this October
 - Homecoming Parade
 - Celebrate Arbor Day
 - Rocktober Event for MI Seniors
 - Hallo-Weekend Events: Town Center Trick or Treating & The Pumpkin Walk

REGULAR BUSINESS

2. Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the September 1, 2022 Regular Meeting were presented.

It was moved by Cohen; seconded by Hay to:

Approve the minutes from the September 1, 2022 meeting

Passed: 5 – 0

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

Jason Kintner, Chief of Operations, and Paul West, CIP Project Manager, presented staffs' decision to postpone the Aubrey Davis Park Trail Safety Improvement Project 30% Design recommendation to allow staff to review design comments recently received from WSDOT. Staff will share the result of this conversation with the Commission at a later date for incorporation into a design recommendation.

4. Park Improvement, Gift Acceptance and Donor Recognition Policy (Draft)

Ryan Daly, Division Manager, and Eleanor Knight, Recreation Coordinator, facilitated discussion on policy elements. Commissioners engaged discussion, provided input, and consensus on policy elements. The item will return in November for further discussion.

OTHER BUSINESS

5. Planning & Meeting Schedule Update

Ryan Daly provided an update.

6. Commissioner Reports / Work Plan Update

Burstein pointed out the escalating demand for pickleball on Mercer Island and reported on the growth in attendance at the Luther Burbank Park court. Burstein also informed the Commission of a newly formed public community of MI pickleball players that he started to help funnel public opinion back to the Commission on future pickleball projects and policies.

Hay provided an update on this evening's MIPA Blood Drive in partnership with the City of MI at the Mercer Island Community and Event Center, and recognized the team of staff, volunteers, and donors that helped to make it another successful blood drive event.

ADJOURNMENT at 8:10 PM