



PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

January 5, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

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

Staff present were Jason Kintner, Alaine Sommargren, Patrick Yamashita, Clint Morris, Ryan Daly, Sam Harb, Paul West, Sarah Blugas, Eleanor Knight, and Raven Gillis.

APPEARANCES

1. Yu L. Chan commented on Bike Skills Area
2. Brian Shiers commented on Bike Skills Area
3. Rex Andrew commented on Bike Skills Area
4. Nancy Highiet Morse commented on Bike Skills Area
5. Chris Vincent commented on Bike Skills Area

DEPARTMENT REPORT

**The Department Report was inadvertently missed; therefore, this report was presented later in the meeting directly following the Bike Skills Area Update & Conceptual Design.*

REGULAR BUSINESS

2. Approval of Minutes

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

It was moved by Struck; seconded by Cohen to:

Approve the minutes from the December 1, 2022 meeting

Passed: 7 – 0

3. Bike Skills Area Update & Conceptual Design

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

*Division Manager Ryan Daly reported on the following items:

- Mercer Island Community & Event Center – New 2023 operating hours
- MICEC Fitness Room – Open, free until the end of January 2023, & equipment upgrades
- Oriana Ladies League’s cultural event transforms the Community Center
- City Facilities Closed for MLK Day
- MLK Day Volunteering Event

- Park Maintenance and Natural Resources updates
- Update: Gift Acceptance Policy
- South Mercer Playfield Project Update
- MIYFS Foundation 21st Annual Fundraising Breakfast
- Illuminate MI - Thank you Sponsors! - The Mercer Apartments (Title Sponsor), the MI Community Fund, Stroum Jewish Community Center, ArtsWA & NEA & Thank you Partners! – Mercer Island Firefighters | AFF Local 1762, John L. Scott, Friends of the MI Library, Mercer Island Girl Scouts, Chabad Mercer Island, MIVAL, MIPA

Recess from 6:40pm to 6:50pm

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

Paul West presented. Commissioners engaged in discussion, asked questions, and provided input.

It was moved by Westberg; seconded by Burstein to:

Delay forwarding the recommendation memo to the City Council until the Commission has an opportunity to meet with the WSDOT engineers, the design team, and City Staff until the Commission decides on the recommended design of the roundabout.

Failed: 1 – 6

It was moved by Westberg; seconded by Cohen to:

Delay forwarding the recommendation of the Aubrey Davis Trail Safety improvement 30% design until the Commission has the opportunity to meet with WSDOT engineers and the design team to discuss alternatives for the roundabout feature.

Failed: 1 – 6

It was moved by Hay; seconded by Burstein to:

Delay forwarding the recommendation of the Aubrey Davis Trail Safety improvement 30% design until the Commission has the opportunity to further evaluate alternatives and reach a recommendation for the roundabout feature.

Passed: 7 – 0

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

It was moved by McCarthy and seconded by Struck to:

Change the meeting start time of future PRC meetings to 5pm.

Passed: 7 – 0

ADJOURNMENT at 8:55 PM