



PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

REGULAR HYBRID MEETING MINUTES

March 7, 2024

CALL TO ORDER

The Parks & Recreation Commission was called to order by Chair Struck at 5:00 pm.

ROLL CALL

Chair Peter Struck, Vice Chair Paul Burstein, and Commissioners Jodi McCarthy, Rory Westberg, Don Cohen, Ashley Hay, and Sara Marxen were present for the Parks & Recreation Commission. Council Liaison Craig Reynolds was present. OSCT Chair Geraldine Poor, and OSCT Board Member Marie Bender were present.

City Manager Jessi Bon, City Clerk Andrea Larson, Chief of Operations Jason Kintner, Recreation Manager Ryan Daly, Senior Management Analyst Merrill Thomas-Schadt, Management Analyst Carson Hornsby, and Recreation Specialist Raven Gillis were present.

Eileen Keiffer, outside counsel with Madrona Law was present.

APPEARANCES

Carolyn Boatsman, Mercer Island, addressed the Parks & Recreation Commission regarding the proposed Park Zone.

STAFF LIAISON REPORT

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

- Island Crest Park Athletic Fields Turf Replacement
- Bike Skills Area
- Parks and Natural Resources Updates
- Luther Burbank Park Sport Courts Renovation (Pickleball)
- Playground Replacements
- Senior Resource Fair Success!
- Drop-In Pickleball – new exclusive MI Resident Pickleball
- MICEC in partnership with MISD Pathways Program
- 2024 Planning Schedule Update

REGULAR BUSINESS

2. Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the January 4, 2024 Regular Meeting were presented.

It was moved by Westberg; seconded by McCarthy to:

Approve the minutes from the January 4, 2024 Regular Meeting

Passed: 7 – 0

Minutes from the February 8, 2024 Special Joint Meeting with the Planning Commission were presented.

It was moved by Hay; seconded by McCarthy to:

Approve the minutes from the January 4, 2024 Regular Meeting

Passed: 7 – 0

3. Park Zone Discussion

City Manager Jessi Bon and Management Analyst Carson Hornsby presented. Commissioners and OSCT Board liaisons engaged in discussion and asked questions.

OTHER BUSINESS

4. Absences and Commissioner Reports

Chair Struck noted that he attended the Senior Resource Fair both as a representative of the Parks & Recreation Commission and as an attendee and thought the event was great and well received!

Commissioner Westberg noted he will most likely miss the regular meeting scheduled for April 4th. Chair Struck noted this would be considered a planned absence.

Commissioner Cohen noted some of the Commissioners may carpool to future meetings and that they agreed not to discuss any business or have a quorum present.

ADJOURNMENT at 7:20 PM