



PARKS & EVENTS COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 18, 2024

This meeting was conducted in person and remotely but was not recorded due to technical difficulties.

CALL TO ORDER

Commission Chair Emily Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

Commission Members: Vice Chair Paul Sweum and Scott Vermeulen.

City Staff:

Jeff Hamlin, Interim Parks & Public Works Director; Dylan Gamble, CIP Project Manager; and Nicole Wiebe, Community Liaison.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (Public comment was accepted by in-person attendees. Remote attendees may submit written comments to the staff liaison): Ruby Daley submitted public comment regarding a dog park in Snoqualmie. Paul Sweum, as citizen, not commissioner provided two comments, recognizing the recent passing of a member of the Snoqualmie restaurant community, and a statement on impact vs. intent.

AGENDA APPROVAL: The agenda was approved with an additional agenda item, "Commission stability and continuity plan" at the request of Commissioner Vermeulen

COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT: None

MINUTES: The minutes dated January 16, 2024, and February 20, 2024, were approved as presented.

REGULAR BUSINESS

1. Commission Stability and Continuity: Commissioner Vermeulen provided input and suggestions to the commission procedures:
 - Term Expiration: Stagger dates in the calendar rather than all in the month of December
 - Length of Terms: Currently four years, current proposed by City, two years, Parks and Events Commission propose three years. This would allow for transition, training, and knowledge.
 - Communication of Changes: Provide Chair with a heads up, suggested 30 days that a commissioner's service/appointment is ending.
2. All-Inclusive Playground – Centennial Park Update: Construction is nearing completion. Ribbon cutting celebration tentatively scheduled for the end of April, early May 2024.
3. Community Center Expansion Update: Gathering information and data from the community. Funding gap, City of working with developer to sharpen the pencil.
4. PROST Plan Update and Open House: Wrapping up the stakeholder feedback. The online survey feedback, 300+ provided comments. Map was a great tool.

SPECIAL EVENTS REPORT: Update provided by Nicole Wiebe, Community Liaison and included: Upcoming Spring egg hunt events, calendar of City Community events marketing piece included in March utility insert, website highlights, and tulip planting Downtown.

FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION:

Add Model Train Museum update April meeting, as well, as the March meeting items.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

*Minutes taken by Nicole Wiebe, Community Liaison
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Minutes approved at the _____ Parks & Events Commission Meeting.*