

WHITTIER PARKS & REC

REGULAR MEETING

April 28, 2025 5:30 pm

MINUTES

Assign recorder: Jamie Loan

Attendance: Aubrey Jurgerson, Jamie Loan, Victor Shen

Meeting Begins: 6:41

New Business

- **Parks**

- Sub-committee meeting – Whittier parks plan: Victor suggested that the current city park stay as a sort of field/meeting space, and the land next to the school have a basketball court and playground by the school, and the waterfall park stay more of a natural park place. We'd like to form a sub-committee to do that.
- Shakespeare Beach – we foresee a lot more day use at Shakespeare beach. We'd like to add at least add some bear trash cans fire rings so the beach doesn't get trashed.

- **Recreation**

- Solstice – we are collecting cardboard. Aubrey & Jamie will partner up again and get businesses to sign up for the race in mid May.

- **Trails**

- Volunteer trail crew updates – Victor communicated with Overland, Jamie has confirmed with the City and Fire Dept that AHS can use their kitchen, etc. Jamie confirmed with the City that they can pay for the campsites for AHS. We will make a list of community members we can ask to help with the cook outs as Jamie will be doing tours some of the days this summer.

- **Other**

- Cleanup week and HOB cleanup – Jamie talked to Charla with PWSSF and she has created an event and sign up link. She even got to plug Whittier Parks & Rec on the radio. The harbor has been reminded that there will need to be an extra dumpster placed in the area.
- Jamie will be sharing a Parks and Rec slideshow at the Symposium. It is almost finished but she will run it by the City before presenting to make sure all is correct.

Follow up of tasks/to do:

- Dave & Ben will go to Lu Young Park to get ideas for a conceptual plan - in progress

- Story board signs and trail signage, as well as a Seafarer Memorial (Corvus Design): Jamie – In progress
- Send photos of Lu Young Park to Shelby & Victor: All
- Walk to Whittier sub committee: Jamie, Ben, Aubrey
- Get pictures to Scott Korbe for snow conditions around Horsetail and Reservoir Roads - Victor
- Contact AK Shredders Admin Clinton about upcoming snow machining closures
- Put kayak rack together and organize tools the first week of May - All
- Contact PWSSF for Clean Up Week Dates – Jamie
- Contact Harbor for an extra dumpster for clean up week at Shakespeare Beach - Jamie
- Contact Kris and Jackie about getting more portable restrooms around trailheads and parks this summer – Jamie
- Research how to collect payment for the kayak storage rack
- Schedule a meeting for Lu Young Park design
- Talk to Ports & Harbor/Harbormaster about small single launch kayak infrastructure
- Make the recommendation that sporting equipment funding plans for the school include ice skates and refurbish some of the broken roller skates, rather than roller skates and archery equipment that the school already has.
- Confirm with FD and Jackie that camping spots can be reserved and paid for AHS – Jamie
- Contact Alaska Trails to see if they'll send a paid crew down for Horsetail Falls – Victor
- Talk to Adison (Assistant CM) about an RTP grant for the mountain bike pump track – Victor & Jamie
- Ask Stephanie about purchasing fencing for community garden – Aubrey
- Contact Hannah Thompson about invasive plant project, and see if Cam & Scott can help source soil – Jamie
- Tool cabinet organization – Victor & Aubrey
- Sourcing Cardboard – All
- Solstice alert to harbor, city, WFD, band, and Media coverage – Jamie
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New Tasks/to do:

- **Email Jackie about Shakespeare Beach infrastructure – Jamie**
- **We will all keep collecting cardboard and working on stuff for Solstice**
- **We will all brainstorm a list of community members to help with volunteer cookouts**
- **Double check with Harbor that there will be a dumpster (that allows scrap metal) for the HOB clean-up**

Next meeting date: May 19th 6:30pm

Adjournment: 7:44pm