



**LAKWOOD PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
Tuesday May 26, 2020 – 5:30 PM  
City Hall, Council Chambers  
6000 MAIN ST SW  
LAKEWOOD, WA 98499**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Jason Gerwen called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

**ATTENDANCE**

**PRAB Members Present:** Jason Gerwen, Vito Iacobazzi, Sylvia Allen, Susan Dellinger, Michael Lacadie

**PRAB Members excused:** Alan Billingsley

**Staff Present:** Mary Dodsworth – Director, Nikki York – Office Assistant

**Council Liaison:** Linda Farmer

**Guests:** Sally Martinez

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Susan Dellinger moved and Sylvia Allen seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the February 25, 2020 meeting as written. MPU.

**Public Comment:** No public comments were received.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Resignations:** Mike Darrah resigned from the board as he moved to Puyallup.

**Public Art Recommendation:** Sally Martinez presented the Public Art program recommendations that will be presented to Council next month. The Arts Commission has been working for the last eight months on this public art program. The program is different than a policy. It is more like a business plan. This program will help provide a cohesive and comprehensive art plan for the City to implement. Art will beautify Lakewood, support cultural diversity and can attract tourists. The Chicago Cows on Parade attracted over two million of visitors in three months. Lakewood could have something like this on a smaller scale. Jason Gerwen saw these when he was in Chicago and said it was fantastic display and really cool and that it would be great to see them around Lakewood. Sally reviewed the current art in Lakewood. The new program would have a common theme. The City was fortunate to have two art professionals host a charrette to help develop the plan. The plan goals are to connect communities, be accessible and interactive, reflect our diverse community, beautify existing structures, attract visitors, and be cost effective. First steps would be to adopt and implement a funding plan and an art integration framework plan. Categories include wraps, murals, rotating art, interactive art, and large scale iconic art. Sally gave examples of the types of art and how they can meet the outcomes. The Arts Commission recommends 1% per capita for funding in addition to the McGavick City day revenue generated each year along with other donor funds, sponsors, and grants. Jason Gerwen commented that he thinks it's a great plan. Well thought out. Art adds a tremendous amount to the community. He also recommended adding a priority around engaging the community in various projects. Read a book day or mosaic day. Jason Gerwen made a motion to support the Arts recommendation as written. Sylvia Allen seconded. MPU

**Prepare for Joint Council Meeting:** June 8<sup>th</sup> meeting with City Council. Could be Zoom or in person depending on Governors orders. Reviewed the significant accomplishments and work plan that was developed. This is also a great time for one on one discussion with council. Board questions regarding Legacy Plan (passed in May) and the Edgewater Park master plan (survey issues causing delays). It is on the 2020 work plan. Jason will provide a background on accomplishments; Vito will provide information on what our work plan is. Board members will ask Council for thoughts on Edgewater Park, Legacy Plan and future park and recreation priorities, what they think the impacts to parks and recreation will be based on COVID-19 and potential revenue shortfalls. What do they think is the highest priority for programs (Community events, Senior Center, Youth programs, M & O) If we have to stop doing something, what is it?

**Directors Report:** Mary Dodsworth reviewed the Directors Report including, COVID -19 (park closures/reopening, developing new protocols for shelters/tournaments, coordinated counties call, etc...) Legacy Plan approval, Harry Todd Park Improvements and Fort Steilacoom Park Angle Lane South bids were approved by council and will be moving forward. RCO grant applications, Drive up Farmers Market. Concerts at Fort Steilacoom Park will be held in July and August.

**Board Comments:** Vito asked about the capital project schedule due to COVID-19. Smaller projects are a little more difficult to implement but large projects are still moving forward.

Michael Lacadie said that he's celebrating his 75<sup>th</sup> birthday today.

Vito Iacobazzi asked about the trees that were cut down near at American Lake Park. It is for the Veterans Dr. road project which will also provide additional parking at the Park.

**NEXT MEETING:** The next PRAB meeting is scheduled for Monday June 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. with Council. This may be held virtually as a Zoom Meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Jason Gerwen adjourned the meeting at 6:24 p.m.

  
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Jason Gerwen, Chairman

  
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Nikki York, Office Assistant