



**LAKESWOOD PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday February 23, 2021– 5:30 PM
Zoom Meeting**

CALL TO ORDER

Jason Gerwen called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

PRAB Members Present: Jason Gerwen-Chair, Vito Iacobazzi-Vice-Chair, Sylvia Allen, Alan Billingsley, Susan Dellinger, Michael Lacadie

Youth Council: Arianie Esperon-present, Micah Kim-absent, Carly Sherman-absent

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

Council Liaison: Linda Farmer, absent

Guests: Cameron Fairfield, Elizabeth Foster, Christy C

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Michael moved and Vito Iacobazzi seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the January 26, 2021 meeting as written. MPU.

Public Comment: Elizabeth Foster noted that a basketball court at Fort Steilacoom would be great for her teenage boys

NEW BUSINESS:

Park Entry Signs Update: Mary Dodsworth presented a power point with the history of the parks entry signs. They are old, sad looking signs. New signs are a part of the Parks 2021 CIP update. Mary highlighted the Fort Steilacoom sign at the entrance that looks like a Gateway Sign. There needs to be a sign at the Angle Ln/Elwood entrance. Mary shared options to consider. Considerations in selecting the new sign are maintenance and graffiti. The board really likes option 1. It has similarities to the gateways. The colors are nice. The 2nd one has nice symmetry. The block font on the first one is easy to read. The board liked the kiosk.

Outdoor Adventure Programming: Cameron Fairfield shared a power point presentation. He highlighted the new Agents of Discovery Program an educational mobile gaming platform that uses augmented reality to get Youth Active. It is similar to Pokémon Go. It's a free app. Once downloaded it doesn't require wifi to work. Our field agent is a raccoon customized with a City of Lakewood log. Cameron described some of the types of challenges. There can be multiple challenges is a mission. Discussed possible prizes. Missions will be updated seasonally and for special events. Spanish and English are available. This program is a subscription service to the City. The missions are geared mostly for kids. Mary shared other possibilities with older adults and the youth council. We will work with our communications manager to promote and use A frames at the park. Summer programming has led us to applying for the No Child Left Inside Grant. The campaign will be call Go & Play Lakewood (Get Outside & Play, Laugh, be Active Youth). It will consist of different monthly outdoor activities including (orienteering, geocaching,

fishing event, water sports, kite making/flying, youth fitness day, birds, birds, birds, camping skills, art & nature, milk boat races, gardening and bubble stations). The board agreed that these are great activities.

Parks CIP Update- Harry Todd Park: Mary Dodsworth provided an update regarding the improvements at Harry Todd Park in the Tillicum neighborhood. It is an isolated area. The site is 17 acres. Phase I & II were able to be combined due to grants. Mary reviewed the site and needed updates. The final design allowed us to save 14 oak trees, move the restroom, add a fishing pier. The restroom will have individual ada units. Mary discussed making a decision to have lifeguards this summer.

Directors Report: Mary Dodsworth reviewed the Directors Report including, Capital Project updates, City Hall will remain closed until June, Senior Center update including (zoom happy hour, zoom presentations, drive thru events, zoom reunions, exercise videos and computer assistance), Public art including (colonial plaza art, signal box art, 25th anniversary art contest), 25th anniversary proclamation, approval of non-motorized trail and Community outreach.

Board Comments: None

NEXT MEETING: The next PRAB meeting is scheduled for Tuesday March 23, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. This will be a virtual Zoom Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: Michael Lacadie moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:34 p.m. Sylvia Allen seconded. MPU



Jason Gerwen, Chairman



Nikki York, Office Assistant