



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

CALL TO ORDER

Jason Gerwen called the meeting to order at 5:32 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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Vito Iacobazzi moved and Sylvia Allen seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the February 23, 2021 meeting as written. MPU.

NEW BUSINESS:

Welcome New Member: Fred Ramey introduced himself. He is currently the Operations Manager at the Point Defiance Zoo. Each board member introduced themselves and welcomed Fred Ramey to the board.

Special Event/Summer Update: Mary Dodsworth presented an overview of the activities/events that will be happening including: 25th Anniversary Art Contest, Senior Programs, Agents of Discovery, Parks Appreciation Day, Farmers Market, Drive-In Movies, Summer Outdoor Adventure Programs, Summer Concerts, SummerFEST/International Festival (cancelled this year), Night Market Events (Pending), and 25th Anniversary Party. Michael Lacadie mentioned that cancelling SummerFEST has an impact on the Sister Cities Association. Mary advised that we would be happy to work with Sister Cities if they wanted to have an event that meets current state phase and guidance. Michael noted that they are looking into participating at the Farmers Market. Jason Gerwen noted that major events being cancelled throughout the region is pretty common and impacts many local organizations. Federal Way and Steilacoom cancelled their fourth of July celebrations. Jason noted that despite COVID the department is busy as ever. Kudos to Mary and staff. Jason Gerwen asked about drive-in registration. It's not open yet.

Chambers Creek Canyon Trail Update: Mary Dodsworth presented a Power Point and gave an overview of the history of the master plan. An interlocal agreement between Pierce County, University Place, and Lakewood was created in 2015, a phased design plan was completed in 2017 which supported several grant applications. The interlocal agreement was updated in 2019 to allow construction and future maintenance. Mary discussed the phases of the project and the challenges. WTA did restoration and vegetation removal along the trail. Vito Iacobazzi asked about a rough schedule on the project. Phase I is going out to bid tomorrow. Pierce

County is managing it. University Place is managing all the permits. First bridge should be put in late July/August. This is an important regional project.

Prepare for Parks Appreciation Day: An overview of the projects. Will have small projects and require preregistration. The entire board is happy to participate. May 1st will be a clean-up day at the South Sound Wildlife Area.

Directors Report: Mary Dodsworth reviewed the Directors Report including: Capital Project updates (Springbrook Improvements, Gateways, Chambers Creek, Harry Todd Park, Angle Lane South, Edgewater Park, Wards Lake, Pavilion, Seeley Lake Improvements, Service Club Signs, American Lake Shelter, All-abilities Playground), 25th Anniversary, Mural at American Lake Park, coop use agreement with Clover Park School District and Community outreach.

Board Comments:

Jason Gerwen shared that lots of friends and family have said that they love the new swing at the new restroom building.

Michael asked about the fishing event. May have a smaller event at Harry Todd Park later this summer.

NEXT MEETING: The next PRAB meeting is scheduled for Tuesday April 27, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. This will be a virtual Zoom Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: Alan Billingsley moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:31 p.m. Sylvia Allen seconded. MPU



Jason Gerwen, Chairman



Nikki York, Office Assistant