



**JOINT PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD AND
LAKEWOOD HERITAGE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
MINUTES**

**Tuesday February 22, 2022– 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, Michael Lacadie, Fred Ramey, Janet Spingath

LHAB Members Present: Glen Spieth, Joan Cooley, Christina Manetti, Behene Campbell

Youth Council: Brandon Elliott, absent

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

LHAB Staff Present: Courtney Brunell

Council Liaison: Don Anderson, Paul Bocchi

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Alan Billingsley moved and Michael Lacadie seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the February 1, 2022 meeting as written. MPU.

LHAB minutes needed a correction to list Christina Manetti as Vice-Chair. Christina Manetti made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected. Joan Cooley seconded. MPU.

Public Comments: No public comments

NEW BUSINESS:

Update to City Naming Policy: Mary Dodsworth provided history, council comments, review process, public hearing and next steps. The first application process was in honor of Dr. Claudia Thomas. Since Fort Steilacoom Park is a beloved park, the public was against changing the name. Mary reviewed the feedback from the first review process. Christina Manetti asked about who can make a request. Anyone can submit an application but there does need to be some kind of broad community support. She also commented that there seems to be the need to communicate things to the entire city. Glen Spieth commented that renaming a street has impact of everyone living on that street will need to change their address. Mary Dodsworth asked about maybe changing it to an honorary name. Jason Gerwen suggested a petition for broad community outreach. Could we look at about 1% of the population or about 1000 people sign, then at least it warrants that the word is out and people know about it. We want to make sure the community knows about this but not so difficult that it makes it impossible. He also responded to Christina Manetti's comment about the difficulty of the public hearing the information. This is an ongoing issue in all municipalities but they are trying to get the message to the community but know that staff is trying their darndest. He also addressed the board member abstaining, giving the board members the ability to abstain should be allowed.

Suggested changes were to advise the time and add expectations to the person that submitted the application. The application can be shared with LHAB to provide information for the staff report. Public input will be taken at a public hearing. PRAB will review the request and then send the recommendation to the City Council. Fred Ramey asked about what kind of recommendation that the PRAB can make. Mary Dodsworth advised that we would make it clear what topics would be considered so that the public would have the opportunity to comment. Mary Dodsworth reviewed the criteria that should be considered for naming or renaming a park. Glen would like more communication between LHAB and PRAB. Michael Lacadie asked about sharing the PRAB recommendation with LHAB prior to sending to council. Mary Dodsworth agreed that would be a good process to follow. Jason Gerwen asked about in the criteria having something that silly suggestions will be lifted from consideration. Alan Billingsley pointed out that it's covered under the question, how will the new name create an enduring legacy? Vito Iacobazzi asked about having a couple of public meetings. Councilmember Anderson confirmed that council wanted to have some type of threshold regarding broad public support and a petition seems to be a good method to use. He noted the work that goes into the process by the city and the Board, and that that shouldn't be initiated or generated by one person. He clarified that the Board should make a recommendation regarding the "request" as noted on the application, posting, staff report and public process. Only consider what has been requested. He liked the comments regarding Council can make a recommendation regarding naming or renaming a city facility and can refer it to the PRAB. And agreed that Council doesn't need to meet the petition threshold but the recommendation should still go through the public process.

Park Touring Map Partnership Discussion: Courtney Brunell provided information regarding updates to the historical driving touring map. Primary distribution is 4th grade classrooms. The question came up to include city parks, which city parks would make sense to identify on a historic map. Glen Spieth commented that including parks on the map would make it a bit busier but that would be ok. Alan Billingsley loves the idea of showing 4th graders where local Parks are even if it were on a separate sheet. Mary Dodsworth asked about including the Nisqually Tribe for historic sites. Christina Manetti suggested including other local tribes as well and that native history should be included. Jason Gerwen commented that parks are a huge part of our heritage. The board agreed that it would be nice for all parks to be included. Courtney Brunell said they will bring back a draft prior to final approval.

Directors Report: Tabled until next month.

Board Comments:

Jason Gerwen thanked LHAB and the Council Members for joining the meeting.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting is the a regular PRAB meeting on Tuesday, March 22, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. This will be a virtual Zoom Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: Vito Iacobazzi made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:44 p.m. Fred Ramey seconded. MPU.



Jason Gerwen, Chairman

Nikki York

Nikki York, Office Assistant