



**PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD (PRAB)  
Tuesday, May 24 2022 at 5:30 p.m.  
Pavilion at Fort Steilacoom Park, 9107 Angle Ln SW,  
Lakewood, WA and Zoom**

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**PRAB MEMBERS**

Jason Gerwen, Chair  
Vito Iacobazzi, Vice Chair  
Sylvia Allen  
J. Alan Billingsley  
Michael Lacadie  
Fred Ramey  
Janet Spingath

**YOUTH COUNCIL**

Brandon Elliott

Don Anderson, Council Liaison

**STAFF**

Mary Dodsworth, Director  
Nikki York, Office Assistant

**CALL TO ORDER**

**ATTENDANCE/ROLL CALL**

**APPROVAL of PRAB April 26, 2022 MINUTES**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**NEW BUSINESS**

Prepare for Joint Council Meeting

**OAKBROOK PARK DESIGN CHARRETTE**

Welcome North Lakewood Neighborhood Assc.

**PRAB DIRECTORS REPORT**

**BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

**NEXT PRAB MEETING**

Joint Council Meeting Monday June 27, 2022 at  
7:00 p.m. via Zoom

**ADJOURN**

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**PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES**  
**Tuesday April 26, 2022– 5:30 PM**  
**Zoom Meeting**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Jason Gerwen called the meeting to order at 5:36 p.m.

**ATTENDANCE**

**PRAB Members Present:** Jason Gerwen-Chair, Vito Iacobazzi-Vice-Chair, Sylvia Allen, Michael Lacadie, Janet Spingath

**PRAB Members Excused:** Alan Billingsley, Fred Ramey

**Youth Council:** Brandon Elliott, absent

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

**Council Liaisons:** Don Anderson, absent

**Guests:** Becky Newton, Stacey Reding, Eric Gold, Principal Landscape Architect- DA Hogan & Associates, Dr. Julie White, President- Pierce College, Duncan Stevenson, Director of Athletics- Pierce College, Gus Lim, Director of Facilities & Operations- Pierce College, Sylvia James, Vice President for Administrative Services.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Michael Lacadie moved and Sylvia Allen seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the March 22, 2022 meeting as written. MPU.

**Public Comments:** No public comments

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Economic Development Strategic Plan:** Becky Newton shared the Economic Strategic Plan covering the goals and areas of focus. She is reaching out to the advisory boards for review and comments. It will be reviewed by the City Council in spring of 2022. Mary Dodsworth ask if there would be a prioritization process for the various tasks. Becky stated that the plan includes specific action items and an implementation plan. Janet Spingath asked about businesses in the Lake City Neighborhood. Becky offered to meet with her and the neighborhood association to address any issues or challenges. Chair Jason Gerwen thanked Becky for the presentation.

**Turf Infields at Fort Steilacoom Park:** Mary Dodsworth provided background regarding the turf infield project to include funding from grants and legislative allocations. Pierce College approached the City about having their home field at Fort Steilacoom Park. City Council approved the concept and field amenities in two ILA documents. A design consultant was hired and it was discovered that to do all of the anticipated elements would require additional funding. Pierce College is willing to pay the additional funding. When the change cost was shared with Council they asked additional questions and asked the PRAB to review the proposed changes. Mary Dodsworth shared a power point reviewing proposed Pierce County College home field options and asked for feedback on moving forward with the project and thoughts on color

scheme and field location. Dr. Julie White spoke about the field. She noted that this project is about more than just a baseball field. The athletics program at Pierce College opens up opportunities for students and this project will help promote the college just up the street. Duncan Stevenson asked that PRAB consider recommending replacing field 1 because it would create a full sized field and showcase the program. He noted the City should take pride in it not hide it. Pierce College would cover the additional costs to build field #1 or field #3. Pros and cons for both were noted and the Board unanimously decided that the project was important and should be continued and that the Pierce College colors would be fine at the park. The board was split between recommending field #1 & #3 as the location of the new home field.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Parks Appreciation Day Recap:** Parks Appreciation Day was a success with over 200 volunteers cleaning up trash, pulling scotch broom, spreading mulch and play chips, cleaning up around the pavilion and painting over graffiti at the following locations: American Lake Park, Fort Steilacoom Park, Springbrook Park, the Police Station, Community Garden, Kiwanis Park and Wards Lake Park. Sylvia Allen reported that the Kiwanis Club supported two sites - Kiwanis Park and the Community Garden. Vito Iacobazzi commented that there was a great turnout. Michael Lacadie asked that the list of projects be prioritized with the number of people for each and sent out to site leaders in advance. Janet Spingath reported that the debris cleanup at American Lake Park was a success.

**Directors Report:** Mary Dodsworth briefly discussed the Nisqually meeting to prioritize partnership projects and will focus on the new plaza area and tell the Chief Leschi Story at the new entry off Elwood Drive. She also shared four RCO grants that were turned in to support Wards Lake Park Phase 2 and a Pickle Ball Court at Harry Todd Park.

**NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting is a regular PRAB meeting on Tuesday, May 24, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. in the Pavilion at Fort Steilacoom Park 9107 Angle Ln SW, Lakewood, WA 98498

**ADJOURNMENT:** Janet Spingath made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m. Sylvia Allen seconded. MPU.

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Jason Gerwen, Chairman

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Nikki York, Office Assistant

# PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD WORK PLAN AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

**Members:**

Jason Gerwen, Chair	Michael Lacadie
Vito Iacobazzi, Vice-Chair	Fred Ramey
Sylvia Allen	Janet Spingath
Alan Billingsley	

**Youth Council Liaison:**

Brandon Elliot

**Council Liaison:**

Councilmember Don Anderson

**City Staff Support:**

Mary Dodsworth, Director Parks, Recreation & Community Services  
Nikki York, Office Assistant

**Meeting Schedule:**

Fourth Tuesday of Each Month, 5:30 P.M., American Lake Room

**Accomplishments:**

Date	Topic(s)
6.22.21	ARPA Funding Update
7.27.21	Wards Lake Park Update, Parks CIP Update
9.28.21	FSP Renaming Proposal and Public Hearing
10.26.21	State of the City, Naming of City Facilities Resolution and Process Review, South Sound Wildlife Area Update
11.23.21	Public Art Policy and Programs, 2022 Work Program
2.1.22	Elect Chair /Vice-Chair, Review 2022 Work Plan, Climate Change and City Tree policy updates
2.22.22	Joint meeting with LHAB regarding City Naming Resolution and Process Review
3.22.22	Prepare for Parks Appreciation Day, Naming Process Recommendation, Nisqually Partnership Project Update
4.26.22	Economic Development Plan, FSP Turf Field project update
5.24.22	Prepare for Joint Council Meeting.

**(Current Year) Work Plan:**

1.	Fort Steilacoom Park Boundary Line Adjustment
2.	Parks Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) Update
3.	Diversity, Equity & Inclusion in Parks and Recreation
4.	Outdoor Adventure Programming
5.	Special Event Update
6.	Street End Update
7.	Park Code Updates (as needed)
8.	Climate Change initiatives and Tree Preservation Ordinance
9.	Naming Policy and Process Review

- **What topics do you want to discuss / emphasize with Council**
- **What questions do you have for Council regarding projects, budget, future needs, etc...**
- **Create action plan for presentation - this will be an in person meeting (virtual option)**