



**PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES**  
**Tuesday March 22, 2022– 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, Michael Lacadie, Fred Ramey, Janet Spingath

**Youth Council:** Brandon Elliott

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

**Council Liaisons:** Don Anderson

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

**Public Comments:** No public comments

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Prepare for Parks Appreciation Day:** Nikki York introduced plans for Parks Appreciation Day. Volunteers will clean up trash and paint 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. Each board member agreed to host different locations for the event.

**Update to City Naming Policy:** Mary Dodsworth presented the City Naming Policy revision draft to the board. The revised application packet, resolution and internal procedures were provided and included updates ensuring broad community support, providing a timeline to gather information, include LHAB review, identify impact of the name change to others and clarifying necessary steps required to submit a petition. City Council can recommend a name change without a petition but should follow community review process. Alan Billingsley motioned to submit the draft to counsel, and Sylvia Allen second. MPU

**Nisqually Partnership Projects:** The City and the Nisqually tribe are working on four potential partnership projects in Fort Steilacoom Park. These projects will provide opportunities to learn about the rich indigenous history of the region. The projects include (1) updating the new Plaza Area with seating, art and educational on the new kiosk. (2) Telling the history of Chief Leschi in updated areas near the south east boundary line. (3) Developing a 1.7 mile long walking path, called the Nisqually Loop Trail to include interpretive information regarding the Nisqually tribe and history. (4) Improvements near the Barn area which could include support of the H Barn renovation project or an open air shelter. We also shared the LHAB driving tour maps and hoped to include parks and Nisqually history or interpretive sites when the map is updated.

**Directors Report:** Mary Dodsworth presented her capital project summary which included the following projects: Springbrook Park expansion, Gateways, park signage update, Wards Lake improvements, Seeley Lake update, FSP turf infields, American Lake Park, American Lake parking lot, Chambers Creek (phase 2), Oakbrook Park improvements, Primley playground replacement, FSP boundary Line adjustment, and Nisqually partner projects (phase 1). The Reel Life Film Festival on March 19, 2022 was a success, and plans are being made to make it a recurring event. The Department of Ecology work crew has been removing blackberries along Clover Creek, Springbrook Park, and at Wards Lake Park. The department continues to engage in community outreach. Mary presented the board with a calendar of upcoming special events.

**Board Comments:** Jason Gerwen expressed gratitude for receiving the Historical Driving Map in the mail.

**NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting is a regular PRAB meeting on Tuesday, April 26, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Sylvia Allen made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:24 p.m.  
Fred Ramey seconded. MPU.

  
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Jason Gerwen, Chairman

  
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Nikki York, Office Assistant