

**PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES**  
**Tuesday February 28, 2023– 5:30 PM**  
**American Lake Conference Room @ City Hall & Zoom**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Vito Iacobazzi called the meeting to order at 5:38 p.m.

**ATTENDANCE**

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

**PRAB Members Excused:** Jason Gerwen-Chair, Anessa McClendon

**Youth Council absent:** Brandon Elliott, Kloe Salazar, Kera Buckmaster, Kaitlyn Miller

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

**Council Liaisons:** Don Anderson

**Guests:** Stacey Reding – Capital Project Coordinator, Jessica Olson –Development Services Manager, Dave Bugher – Assistant City Manager, Ted Hill – Capital Projects Manager, Troy Pokswinski –Civil Engineer, Cal Tsuneyoshi, Annabelle Tsuneyoshi

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Janet Spingath moved and Alan Billingsley seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the January 24, 2023 meeting as written. MPU.

**Public Comments:** No public comments

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Eagle Scout Presentation:** Cal Alexander Kinohimaikalani Tsuneyoshi presented his proposal for improvements to the existing orienteering course at Fort Steilacoom Park. The project includes: repainting and clearing the areas around the course markers, adding a 100ft pace count and course check station, enhancing the existing park map with a QR code to the permanent orienteering course online, and a table/bench at the start/finish area. Sylvia Allen asked where the course was located. Cal said that he would like to invite PRAB out to see the course after completion. Mary Dodsworth suggested working with Larson sign for the QR stickers so they will last and to order extras when they wear out. Vito Iacobazzi asked if there was a current QR code for the course but there is not. Michael Lacadie moved to approve the proposed project. Alan Billingsley seconded. MPU.

**Climate Change and City Tree Policy Updates:** Jessica Olson presented the Tree Code Updates including: Heritage tree designations, extra protection in critical areas, permit requirements (needed for most cases), Oregon White Oaks are separated from other significant trees, emergency removal requirements, replacement policy, and inspections. Council member Don Anderson remarked that the council had to balance interests between allowing people to reasonably build on their property and increase the tree canopy. Vito Iacobazzi noted that there were about 30% more oaks in Lakewood in the past than today. Sylvia Allen commented that a neighbor took out 8 trees. Michael

Lacadie stated that the new tree policy is written in a very fair way. Michael Lacadie also inquired about building a relationship with tree removal companies to help with compliance. Dave Bugher reminded PRAB that they will be meeting with the Planning Commission on May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 p.m. to review the Urban Tree Policy that the University of Washington students have been working on.

**Fort Steilacoom Park (FSP) Entry improvements:** Ted Hill and Troy Pokswinski presented the park improvements to Fort Steilacoom Park entry and along Elwood Dr. to include a roundabout, mixed use path, crosswalk, low level lighting, curb, gutter and sidewalk. Public Works Engineering is partnering with the Lakewood Water District to expand their services. The entry project should be completed before SummerFEST. Vito Iacobazzi and Alan Billingsley agreed that this is a great project.

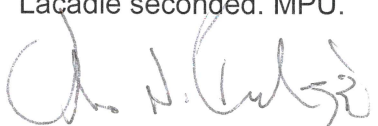
**Directors Report:** Mary Dodsworth provided an update that included: capital projects at Springbrook Park, Gateway signs, Park Monument Sign project expanded to include wayfinding and reader boards, Motor Ave plaza name, Wards Lake Phase 1 & 2, FSP Turf Infields and home field, American Lake Park, and the Street End Report.

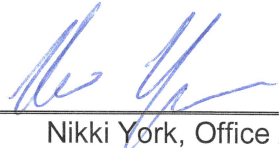
**Board Member Comments:**

Sylvia Allen inquired about the possibility of changing the time of the meeting to 5 p.m. Mary Dodsworth suggested that it be added to next month's Agenda to confirm if this change requires council approval or a possible code change.

**NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting is on Tuesday, March 28, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. in the American Lake Conference Room at Lakewood City Hall.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Janet Spingath made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:02 p.m. Michael Lacadie seconded. MPU.

  
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Jason Gerwen, Chairman  
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Nikki York, Office Assistant