



**PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES**  
**Tuesday April 25, 2023– 5:30 PM**  
**American Lake Conference Room @ City Hall & Zoom**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Vito Iacobazzi called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

**ATTENDANCE**

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

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

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

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

**Council Liaisons:** Don Anderson

**Guests:** Anne Schuster, Trestin Lauricella

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Michael Lacadie moved and Sylvia Allen seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the March 28, 2023 meeting as written. MPU.

**Public Comments:** No public comments

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Invasive Plant/WA State Noxious Weed Presentation:** Anne Schuster from the Washington State Noxious Weed Board gave a presentation on the background of the 1975 weed law, WAC 16.750, WAC 16.752, proposed weed list change timeframes, state list vs county list, class A, B, C weeds and disposal protocol for each, monitor list quarantine list, and what individuals can do to eliminate invasive species. Vito Iacobazzi asked about the number of weeds on the various lists.

**Prepare for Joint Council Meeting:** Mary Dodsworth reviewed work plan and significant accomplishments. Janet Spingath had concerns about the safety of swimmers at the parks and asked if lifeguards can be contracted. Mary Dodsworth explained that there is a shortage of trained guards and no feeder program available in Lakewood. Lifeguards are not a replacement for adult supervision.

**Parks Appreciation Day Recap:** Nikki York provided a recap of this year's volunteer event on Saturday April 22, 2023 from 9 a.m. – Noon. Over 150 volunteers came out and moved 100 cu yds of play chips were moved to provide safety around the play equipment, 20 cu yds of mulch was spread to help maintain healthy garden beds, 3 dump trucks full of blackberries were removed from Edgewater Park to provide access and view of Lake Steilacoom, 30 cu yds of mulch was placed around Waughop Lake to help prevent blackberry growth, 20 yds of invasive scotchbroom was removed near the Hill Ward site at Fort Steilacoom Park, 30 lbs of trash was removed from the swim area at Harry Todd Park, historic markers were replaced and graves were groomed at the

historic patient cemetery at Fort Steilacoom Park, and the playground was scrubbed and graffiti was removed and tables, the restroom building and skate park surfaces were painted at Kiwanis park. Partners/Service Clubs included West Pierce Fire and Rescue Dive team, Clover Park School District, Rotary Club of Lakewood, Grave Concerns, LDS Church, Little Church on the Prairie, Kiwanis Club and the Lakewood Youth Council, City Council and the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. In addition to our regular community partners and service clubs, we are grateful to the many volunteers, neighbors and community members who showed up to volunteer for the day.

**Directors Report:** Mary Dodsworth provided an update that included: legislative support for city parks projects, non-motorized transportation plan, art dedication, Old Settlers Cemetery transfer, Community Garden, older adult programs, save the date event cards, Fishing event at Harry Todd Park, and currently 18 active capital projects valued over \$26 Million.

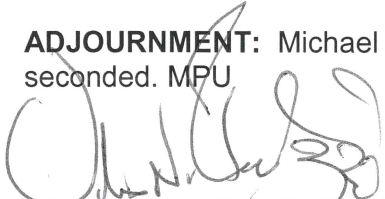
**Board Member Comments:**

Vito Iacobazzi asked about the Lake City Elementary being transferred to the City to be used as a park. Council member Don Anderson shared that the Clover Park School District wants to save it. Mary Dodsworth commented it's a great idea to use for open space.

**NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting is a Joint Meeting with Planning Commission on Wednesday, May 3, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at Lakewood City Hall to discuss the urban forestry program report.

Joint Meeting with Council on Monday, May 22, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at Lakewood City Hall.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Michael Lacadie motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:04 p.m. Sylvia Allen seconded. MPU

  
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Vito Iacobazzi, Vice-Chairman

  
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Nikki York, Office Assistant