

PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES
Tuesday July 26, 2023– 5:30 PM
American Lake Conference Room @ City Hall & Zoom

CALL TO ORDER

Vito Iacobazzi called the meeting to order at 5:46 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

PRAB Members Present: Vito Iacobazzi-Vice-Chair, Alan Billingsley, Anessa McClendon, Janet Spingath

PRAB Members Excused: Jason Gerwen-Chair, Sylvia Allen, Michael Lacadie

Youth Council:

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

Council Liaisons: Don Anderson

Guests: Stacey Redding, Charlie Theo

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Alan Billingsley moved and Anessa McClendon seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the April 25, 2023 meeting as written. MPU. No meeting in May- joint meeting with Council. No meeting in June

Public Comments: No public comments

NEW BUSINESS:

Parks CIP Update: Mary Dodsworth and Stacey Redding reviewed the Parks Capital Improvement Projects. Completed Projects include: Gateway Monument Signs, American Lake North Parking Lot, Street Ends Update, Wards Lake Land Acquisition, Springbrook Park Expansion and Restoration. Projects Underway include: Fort Steilacoom Park Boundary Line Adjustment, Motor Ave Lighting, Chambers Creek Trail Planning and Development, Wards Lake Improvements (Phase 1, 2 & 3), American Lake Park Access Improvements, Fort Steilacoom Park Turf Infields, Seeley Lake Improvements, Nisqually Partnership, Oakbrook Park Improvements, Primley Park, Park Sign Replacement. Projects On Deck include Gateway Monument Signs, Park Sign Replacement Program, Playground Equipment Replacement, Edgewater Park Master Plan, Harry Todd Park Pickleball Courts, Fort Steilacoom Park Pavilion Acoustics, Fort Steilacoom Park Overflow Parking. Future Projects include: H-Barn, Down Town Park, Camp Murray Boat Launch. Vito Iacobazzi commented that it was a great report. Janet Spingath loves the sidewalks around Gravelly Lake and asked if art would be installed. Mary said that is an idea on the horizon as a linear park with benches.

Directors Report: Mary Dodsworth provided an update that included: SummerFEST recap, Farmers Market, Concerts, Street Festival on August 12th, Fiesta de la Familia, Day Camp and Senior Programs.

Board Member Comments:

Alan Billingsley reminded the Board that Pierce County Trails Day is on Saturday July 27th. South Sound Wildlife Area has a work party.


Janet Spingath shared about her mission in Africa and trip to Scotland.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting is a regular meeting on Tuesday September 26, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. in the American Lake Room at Lakewood City Hall.

ADJOURNMENT: Alan Billingsley motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:52 p.m. Anessa Mclendon seconded. MPU



Jason Gerwen, Chair



Nikki York, Office Assistant