



City of Lakewood

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday April 23, 2024

City of Lakewood – Council Chambers

6000 Main Street SW Lakewood, WA 98499

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CALL TO ORDER

Jason Gerwen called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Members Present: Jason Gerwen-Chair, Vito Iacobazzi- Vice Chair, Alan Billingsley, Anessa McClendon, Shelly Thiel

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Members Excused: Kate Read, Janet Spingath,

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

Youth Council Liaison Present: None

City Council Liaison Present: Ryan Pearson

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

SHELLY THIEL MOVED TO ADOPT THE PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF TUESDAY MARCH 26, 2024 SECONDED BY VITO IACOBAZZI. NO FURTHER DISCUSSION. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND MPU.

NEW BUSINESS

Parks Appreciation Day Preparation: Parks Appreciation Day is on Saturday April 27. The board members act as site hosts for the event, greeting volunteers, thanking them for volunteering, making sure they sign the waivers, assigning projects and helping to assign tools and make sure they get turned in. The park sites for this year's clean up are American Lake, Fort Steilacoom, Springbrook, Kiwanis, Edgewater and the Community Garden.

Directors Report: Mary Dodsworth started out by Thanking the Board for their support of the Edgewater Park Master Plan. Council approved the plan and gave permission to apply for grants. There will be an article in the connections magazine that highlights several parks capital projects. Currently they are \$25 million dollars

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worth of projects in the pipeline. Over the last ten years there have been over \$14 million dollars' worth of improvements just at Fort Steilacoom Park. Mary gave a CIP overview including Ballfields, Tenzler Log, Nisqually Partnership, Park Signs, Wards Lake phase I & II, American Lake, newly hired Parks Capital Project Manager - David de la Cruz, Chambers Creek, Harry Todd Pickleball Courts, Gateways. Upcoming events include Parks Appreciation Day, Kids Fishing Event, Youth Summit, Street Festival and the Farmers Market.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Jason Gerwen inquired about the property purchase near the old QFC. It is the Bagel Shop area and will be used to expand improvements at the Colonial Plaza.

Anessa McLendon asked about the Roller Rink Signs around town. The skate rink in Tacoma closed and they are looking for a new one.

Shelly Thiel visited Wards Lake Park. He really likes it but had concern about the vandalism of the restroom building. The building is supposed to be demolished soon.

Vito Iacobazzi mentioned that there are apartment buildings being built on Lakeview Dr along 112th but there are no parks in that area. The question of where will the kids play came to mind due to areas that are landlocked. Mary Dodsworth discussed the green street concept and the PACA assessment that is done every two years. Alan Billingsley said school sites may have to be considered parks in the future.

NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board is scheduled for Tuesday, May 28, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. in the American Lake Room at Lakewood City Hall, 6000 Main St SW, Lakewood, WA 98499

ADJOURNMENT

Vito Iacobazzi moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:13 p.m. Shelly Theil seconded. MPU.



Jason Gerwen, Chair



Nikki York, Office Assistant