



**Tuesday October 22, 2024 5:30 p.m.**

**HOW TO ATTEND**

- **In-person:** American Lake Conference Room (First Floor), Lakewood City Hall, 6000 Main St SW.
- **Virtually:** Online or by phone. Online: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/92038046123>. Or dial (253) 215-8782 and enter participant ID: 920 3804 6123.
- **Livestream:** YouTube.com/CityofLakewoodWA

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**WELCOME/CALL TO ORDER**

**ROLL CALL**

Members: Jason Gerwen-Chair, Vito Iacobazzi- Vice-Chair, Alan Billingsley, Anessa McClendon, Kate Read, Janet Spingath, Shelly Thiel

Youth Council: Alexandra Corona-Hernandez, Nevaeh Tutt, Zoe Clifford

Council Liaison: Ryan Pearson

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

Approving the minutes of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board of September 24, 2024

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Playground Design and Planning for 2025

**DIRECTORS REPORT**

**REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

**NEXT MEETING**

Regular Meeting on Tuesday November 26, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. in the American Lake Conference Room at Lakewood City Hall, 6000 Main St SW, Lakewood, WA 98499

**ADJOURNMENT**



# City of Lakewood

## Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday September 24, 2024

City of Lakewood – Council Chambers

6000 Main Street SW Lakewood, WA 98499

<https://www.youtube.com/user/cityoflakewoodwa>

Telephone via Zoom: 253.215.8782 Participant ID: 920 3804 6123

### 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, Kate Read, Shelly Thiel, Anessa McLendon

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Members Excused: Alan Billingsley, Janet Spingath

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

Youth Council Liaisons: Alexandra Corona-Hernandez-excused, Nevaeh Tutt-excused, Zoe Clifford-present

City Council Liaison Present: Ryan Pearson

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**VITO IACOBAZZI MOVED TO ADOPT THE PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF TUESDAY JULY 23, 2024 SECONDED BY KATE READ NO FURTHER DISCUSSION. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND MPU.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Mary Bacon expressed concerns regarding street end encroachments. Mary Dodsworth responded that the City does not have an encroachment policy and that typically encroachments are identified and managed when development occurs. This topic may be added to a future Council agenda along with an updated shoreline management plan.

### OLD BUSINESS

**Street End Priority Matrix and Pilot Project Recommendation:** Staff shared the results of the Council meeting that occurred the previous evening. Staff and PRAB Chair presented the recommendation of the PRAB from the July 23, 2024 meeting. Jason was pleased that the City Council supported the recommendation to move forward with the pilot project at the Westlake

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location. There were comments about opening up other sites as well. Mary explained that once you open street end sites to the public, there is a responsibility to maintain the area and ensure risk management practices are followed. Vito Iacobazzi discussed the ongoing maintenance regarding blackberries and other invasive species. Council Member Ryan Pearson agreed with PRAB's recommendation and doing one site right and not opening up multiple sites.

**Park Code Update:** Mary Dodsworth provided an update to the park code that didn't go through a PRAB review to update. The code change included a definition for special events based on the results of our annual risk management audit. Council will approve our work program in January. Mary asked the board to review the code to see if there was anything they want to bring up to Council.

**Directors Report:** Mary Dodsworth welcomed Zoe and provided an update on the Youth Council Kick-off, Youth Summit, Farmers Market, SNAP and Market Match, Concerts, Fiesta de la Familia, Partners for Parks Harvest Hoe Down fundraiser.

### **BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

Shelly Thiel commented that he is proud to be a resident of Lakewood. Whoever is in charge of Connections Magazine does a great job!

Vito Iacobazzi noticed that the house on Edgewater is down. He also asked when the shelter would be over the log.

### **NEXT MEETING**

The next regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board is scheduled for Tuesday, October 22, 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 6:08 p.m. Kate Read seconded. MPU.

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Jason Gerwen, Chair

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Nikki York, Office Assistant



# A Story of PLAY!:

A brief overview of playground design.



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*EXPLORE*

*TYPES OF PLAY*

*FUTURE OF PLAY*

*PLAY IN LAKEWOOD*



# PLAY



- verb

- activity for enjoyment and recreation rather than a serious or practical purpose:
- *"the children were playing outside"*





VANHOE  
The Always Fresh  
TOBACCO

PLAY is...



# PLAY is...



PLAY is...

*CULTURE*

*COMMUNITY*

*EXERCISE*

*NURTURING*

*SKILL BUILDING*

...?

# PLAY is...



# Overview of Play in Planning Literature

- Focused on physical environment,
- 85% of the articles had an age-focus
- 70% of the articles overall concentrated on children
- Assumes that play is solely for children

# PLAY! Not long ago (1840s – 1900s)



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## Free Playground Planning Service



# ...Your Playground of the Future Starts Today



Model 550 — Astro City (right) makes an ideal central-theme piece to build your playground around. Model 306 Flying Gym (above) offers space-age swing thrills. Model 107 Trail Blazer Slide (above) packs fun in a small space. Model 307 Whirl (above) bounces, whirrs and looks like a flying saucer.

You can start a safety-designed playground today and work your way to a complete, comprehensive project with a layout and pricing package from Miracle.

Color layouts showing clusters of equipment by age group, related equipment by theme design and positioning for greatest fun and safety are available from Miracle district managers.

Park and playground directors find that very effective in "visually" showing a community what their plans to purchase and how it looks.

It encourages service and civic groups to contribute into the "master plan."

Layouts are a "must" for conceptualizing sharing, community appeals for governmental revenue.

With pictures and prices, communities can "buy-as-they-go"



## 3 KEYS TO PLAYGROUND PLANNING

- 1 Pad design by age groups
- 2 Centerpiece apparatus that dominates
- 3 Costs per unit and per package

ward a well-planned, safety designed Miracle playground.

All you do is provide a sketch of your site and indicate whether you want a tot lot, a kindergarten to 10 years or a 10 to teen playground and we'll show you what you can have, where it will be located and how much it will cost by the piece and finally by the package.

Communities throughout the nation are starting playgrounds and recreation areas with a "master" layout and equipping the areas as funds or donations become available.

Start your full playground of the future with a **free** Miracle layout today. Before you know it your community's children will be swinging, climbing, sliding and whirling on America's best safety-certified equipment that you can buy a piece at a time.

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Model 111-183 Mark IV Imagine City (right) makes the beginning of a great playground. Model 402 Geodesic Climber and Model 608-4 Twin Rider Mouse (above) make excellent companion pieces.



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# Accessibility vs. Inclusivity?





# INCLUSIVITY CHECKLIST



**Ramps:** Ramps should allow children to reach elevated play equipment and also include space for wheelchairs to turn around and have handrails on both sides, creating safer passage to raised playground components for children who are unable or do not want to use transfer systems.



**Ground-Level Activities:** Activities that allow kids to enter/exit at the ground level, without needing to climb stairs or ladders. These areas offer independence for the youngest visitors who are just learning to walk, a safe space for those afraid of heights and easy access regardless of developmental or ability levels.



**Diverse Swings:** Offer several different swing set options: one for babies and their caregivers, one for ages 2-5 with the recognizable bucket seats, one for ages 5-12, one for big kids 12+ with higher weight limits and one with additional support and security.



**Age-Appropriate Groupings:** Separate areas with appropriately sized equipment for different age groups. Recommended age groups should be obvious from the design and scale, but signs posted in the area or on the equipment should give guidance.



**Sensory Spaces:** Children with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) or sensory processing disorder often feel over or under stimulated. The mix of both calmer areas and sensory-rich activities involving music, lights or spinning motions, helps keep kids engaged without feeling isolated.



**Social Spaces:** Playhouses, barns, spaceships or fortresses, give children the opportunity to interact and socialize with different ages and abilities. These structures have the power to create a sense of community and safer play with different groups.



**Overall Accessibility:** Playground accessible routes should be free of major debris, toys and other impediments that may impact maneuverability throughout the play area.



# Trends in Playground Design



# Adventure Playgrounds



# Accessible Playgrounds



# Inclusive Playground Design



# Intergenerational Playgrounds



# Nature Playgrounds





# Contemporary Playground Design



# Future playgrounds should...

- Consider daily, monthly and seasonal maintenance
- Identify safety hazards, reduce incidents!
- Encourage play for all!
- And.....

**How can we define PLAY in Lakewood?**