



City of Lakewood

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday May 28, 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 5:35 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Members Excused: Anessa McLendon, 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

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

NEW BUSINESS

Parks Appreciation Day Recap: Parks Appreciation Day was on Saturday April 27. The park sites for this year's clean up were American Lake, Fort Steilacoom, Springbrook, Kiwanis, Edgewater and the Community Garden. Alan Billingsley hosted a group at the South Sound Wildlife Area with over 71 volunteers and 230 hours. They removed over 8,000 pounds of scrap metal, old washers, and trash. They also planted indigenous grasses and flowers. All of the other parks had 225 volunteers that put in 675 hours. The big project was replacing the playground playchips. Many small projects including planting trees, weeding, cutting back blackberries, scotchbroom, replacing fence boards at the dog park, and 40 headstones were installed at the historic patient cemetery. Staff shared photos from the City Facebook page. Jason Gerwen commented that it was a good turnout.

Parks CIP Update: Mary Dodsworth shared the updated Capital Improvements. There are currently \$32 million dollars of projects that are in process (design, permitting & construction). They are all funded with various grants and city resources. Projects include Springbrook Park Expansion, Fort Steilacoom Park Boundary Line Adjustment, Artificial Turf Infields, Tenzler Log, Nisqually Loop Trail, ADA Overflow Parking, Park Signs, American Lake Park Improvements, Wards Lake Park Improvements, Edgewater Park, Oakbrook Park, Primley Park, Chambers Creek Canyon Trail Groundbreaking, Gateways, H Barn and Downtown Park.

Prepare for Joint Meeting with Council: Reviewed the Work Plan and Significant Accomplishments and discussed the questions that they would ask. Some of the questions included How do you see the PRAB Role in the vision for the Downtown Park? Maintenance concerns and staffing. If there are improvement areas we have to take care of it. Urban Forestry, we need to invest in taking care of the trees wisely. More ADUs in Lakewood, where are the parks to support the additional housing and kids that need to play and where do the trees fit in? Where is the H-Barn Support on future goals. Spray Parks- look at the whole city not just Fort Steilacoom Park and where do they go? Senior Services-how we get them to the parks? Mobility/transportation issues? Should we add a Farmers Market at the old QFC store? Concerns regarding motorized longboard/ebike speeds. Senior Services and Signal Box Updates.

Directors Report: None

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Vito Iacobazzi asked about parks rules in regard to motorized long boards. The board discussed potential policy change, updating signage and enforcement.

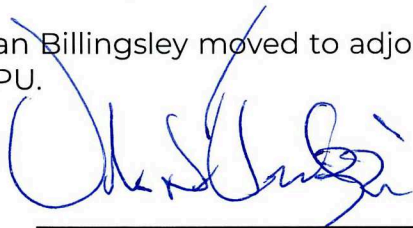
NEXT MEETING

The Joint Meeting with Council is scheduled for Monday June 10th at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at Lakewood City Hall, 6000 Main St SW, Lakewood, WA, 98499

The next regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board is scheduled for Tuesday, July 23, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. in the American Lake Room at Lakewood City Hall, 6000 Main St SW, Lakewood, WA 98499

ADJOURNMENT

Alan Billingsley moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:56 p.m. Vito Iacobazzi seconded. MPU.



Jason Gerwen, Chair



Nikki York, Office Assistant

VITO IACOBAZZI vice chair