



# 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

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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, 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

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