



PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

October 12, 2022, Meeting Minutes

- PRESENT:** Maggi Kriger, Thor Beck, John Blethen, Lucky Blue, Asa Deane, Ray Dellecker, Jeannie Gilbert, Jed Holmes, Michael Kutcher, Zarah Manju, Jessica Sankey, and Steve Walker
- STAFF:** Gina Austin, Peter Gill, Nicole Oliver, Bree Park, Laine Potter, Caryn Regimbal, Jonathan Schilk, and Lauren Woodmansee
- VISITORS:** Hue Beattie, Susan Braman, Tristan Currin, Jenna Deane, Dina Dickerson, Mikkel Hong, Kara Kuhlman, Kate McDonald, Catherine Moore, Neil Schaner, Michele Siemion, and Skip Williams.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 am by Vice-Chair, Michael Kutcher.

- I. **AGENDA REVIEW:**
No changes were made to the agenda.
- II. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**
John Blethen announced that on October 24th there will be a Padden Creek meeting to discuss the ongoing project at that location.
- III. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**
Tristan Currin and Kara Kuhlman are the adjacent property owners of the proposed Maplewood McLeod Park and provided their feedback regarding this project.
- IV. **SEPTEMBER MEETING MINUTES:**
A motion was made to approve the meeting minutes. Motion passed.
- V. **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - a. **Braman Deed:**
Susan Braman would like to donate the parcel to the City with a permanent deed restriction that it remains undeveloped and used solely for park purposes. Catherine Moore expressed hesitation from her client, Susan Braman, regarding the use of bicycles on the proposed property donation. A motion was made to accept the property donation with an exception that bicycles are to be walked through location. Motion passed.
 - b. **Greenways Strategic Plan:**
Peter Gill provided the most recent draft of the 2022-2026 Strategic Plan and how it aligns with the most current Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan (PRO Plan). The three main goals for the Strategic Plan are to acquire properties for connectivity, develop/restore, and maintain all public parks, greenways, open spaces, parks facilities and trails. A motion was made to recommend approval of the Strategic Plan to City Council. Motion passed. John Blethen abstained. Maggi Kriger and John

Blethen emphasized that Greenways is primarily related to open space and connections rather than parks as a whole.

c. Future Meetings Format:

Nicole Oliver informed the group that the local emergency order will be lifted on October 31st, requiring all boards and commissions to have a public location to run each meeting. There will be a hybrid option for both online and in-person meeting access. The group was encouraged to submit their proof of vaccination with additional information to follow.

d. Maplewood McLeod Master Plan and Name:

Jonathan Schilk presented an overview of the Maplewood McLeod Master Plan including location history, neighborhood demographics, phase one specifics, site planning and proposed park features. The group discussed all information presented and provided feedback. There will be an additional in-person site meeting for the Birchwood Neighborhood to attend which will be schedule in the next two to three weeks. The naming portion of this agenda item is tabled to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting in November.

VI. DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

a. Budget Overview:

Nicole Oliver provided the group with the main highlights and any updated movement of funds related to the budget. The Parks and Recreation department will be presenting the budget to City Council on Monday, October 17th.

VII. MEMBERSHIP:

a. Candidate Interviews:

Asa Deane works very closely with the Anacortes Parks & Recreation Department and thrives to be a positive contributor to his local community, including all parks and trails. A motion was made to recommend to the mayor appointment of Asa Deane. Motion passed.

b. Field Trips:

The next two field trip options will be to attend the Maplewood McLeod Master Plan meeting or at North Samish Crest, near Racine Street. A follow up email will be sent to determine the specific time and location.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The committee adjourned to Executive Session at 9:25am. The meeting was called back to order at 9:31am. A motion was made to pursue due diligence for potential acquisition of property #1 and property #2. Motion passed.

IX. ADJOURNMENT: The October 12, 2022, Parks & Recreation Advisory Board meeting was adjourned by consent at 9:35 am.