



PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

June 14, 2023, Meeting Minutes

PRESENT: Maggi Kriger, Michael Kutcher, John Blethen, Brian Bressler, Asa Deane, Ray Dellecker, Jeannie Gilbert, Jed Holmes, Jessica Sankey, and Steve Walker

ABSENT: Zarah Manju

STAFF: Peter Gill, Steve Janiszewski, Nicole Oliver, Bree Park, Laine Potter, Caryn Regimbal, Shannon Taysi, and Lauren Woodmansee

VISITORS: Jeremy Casados and Mandy McGill

The meeting was called to order at 7:31 am by Chair, Maggi Kriger.

- I. **AGENDA REVIEW:**
Remove the Sunset Pond agenda item from New Business.
- II. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**
Steve Donnelly has resigned from his role of Park Stewardship Supervisor, effective June 13, 2023.
- III. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**
There were no public comments.
- IV. **MAY MEETING MINUTES:**
A motion was made to approve the meeting minutes. Motion passed. Maggi Kriger abstains.
- V. **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - a. **Birchwood Mural Art Project:**
Shannon Taysi, the Program Specialist for Planning and Community Development, proposed adding an interpretive sign to the mural artwork project underneath the Interstate 5 underpass, located on Birchwood. The interpretive sign would be located on the trail and would highlight the plants used in the mural and their healing features. Asa Deane and Steve Walker will help form the subcommittee to discuss the future location and design.
 - b. **Greenways Storymap:**
Peter Gill provided the Greenways Storymap website, which included the history of Greenways, property details, community gardens, stewardship program information, and future plans. This website will go live in the very near future, after community feedback.
- VI. **OLD BUSINESS:**
 - a. **Greenways Levy Update:**
The Fifth Greenways Levy will be provided to the county by August 2023, and will be refined prior to the official ballot in November 2023.

VII. DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- a. Fairhaven Auditorium:
The Parks staff met with the local dance groups regarding the usage of the auditorium. The next step is to work with the City's Legal department to create an agreement for event rentals and future group usage.
- b. Stewardship Program:
Steve Donnelly has resigned from his role of Park Stewardship Supervisor, effective June 13, 2023. Steve Janiszewski to give update at next meeting regarding program workload, post resignation.
- c. Recreation Event Summer Calendar:
Lauren Woodmansee gave a brief update to the group regarding all seasonal recreational activities. Summer camps are almost at full capacity and the summer concert series are set to begin at Boulevard Park and Elizabeth Park.
- d. Civic Athletic Complex:
The design and development team just recently met regarding the needs, wants, and overall details of the entire location. The next meeting is with the school district in August to discuss the complex.
- e. Tiny Home Village Planning:
The two tiny home villages at Civic & Fairhaven are to be relocated, with proposal at new location off Cordata, on Stuart Road, near Meridian.
- f. Shower Program Update:
Currently negotiations underway regarding a partnership for a shower truck and the removal of the shower program at Arne Hanna.
- g. Lake Padden Update:
New signage will be placed around the swimming area at Lake Padden regarding the New Zealand Mud Snails. The signage regarding dogs allowed in the swim area has since been removed, with dogs on leash signage taking its place.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The committee adjourned to Executive Session at 9:05am. The meeting was called back to order at 9:21am. A motion was made to approve due diligence for property #1. Motion passed. A motion was made to not approve due diligence for property #2. Motion passed. Steve Walker abstains.

- IX. ADJOURNMENT:** The June 14, Parks & Recreation Advisory Board meeting was adjourned by consent at 9:31 am.