



PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

November 13, 2024, Meeting Minutes

- PRESENT:** Brian Bressler, Steve Walker, Asa Deane, Ray Dellecker, Jeannie Gilbert, Jed Holmes, Maggi Kriger, Scott Pratschner, and Zarah Manju
- ABSENT:** Holly Miller and Jessica Sankey
- STAFF:** Gina Austin, Melissa Bianconi, Peter Gill, Steve Janiszewski, Bree Park, Laine Potter, Caryn Regimbal, and Lauren Woodmansee
- VISITORS:** Leslie Finch and Skip Williams (Council Representative)

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 am by Chair, Brian Bressler

- I. **AGENDA REVIEW:**
There were no changes to the agenda.
- II. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**
There were three property purchases that closed; 116 acres at Squaticum Creek, 3 acres at end of Telegraph Road, and the Robinson donations.
- III. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**
Leslie Finch stated her support of cyclocross continuing at Cornwall Park, as it is a very positive age inclusive community event.
- IV. **OCTOBER MEETING MINUTES:**
A motion was made to approve the September meeting minutes. Motion passed. Zarah Manju abstains.
- V. **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - a. **Membership:**
A motion was made to recommend Brian Bressler for re-appointment on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. Motion passed.
 - b. **2025 Meetings Calendar:**
The group reviewed the tentative 2025 meetings schedule for the Greenways Advisory Committee and the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board. One request was made to move the July 3rd Greenways meeting to July 10th, due to the holiday weekend.
 - c. **2025 Officers:**
Official committee chair nominations to take place in December 2024, with their one-year terms beginning January 2025.
 - d. **Parks Fees Increases:**
The Parks Management Staff recommended changes for park facilities include increasing the facility fees at Arne Hanna; adjusting fees at

select park facilities to align fees with the facility amenities; and increasing Lake Padden Golf Course fees. The fee increases are based upon impact on park users, local demand, reservation time and duration, as well as increasing costs in staff salaries and processing fees. A motion was made to approve the fee increase as listed. Motion passed.

e. Civic Athletic Complex Planning:

Nicole shared the four current options for the Civic Athletic Complex Plan and the status of their latest meetings with the School District. The group provided feedback and discussed the potential for partnerships and sponsorships for the community center and aquatics expansion. The final decision will be made in December, with the recommendation likely to include two options.

VI. DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Nicole Oliver shared the 2025 Preliminary Budget Report which will be presented to City Council.

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The board adjourned to Executive Session at 8:50am. The meeting was called back to order at 9:16am. A motion was made to recommend purchase of property #1. Motion passed. A motion was made to pursue due diligence on property #2. Motion passed.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT: The November 13, 2024, Parks & Recreation Advisory Board meeting was adjourned by consent at 9:18am.