

## **BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS MINUTES**

Wednesday, Sept 2, 2020 5:30pm, via ZOOM

### **Present:**

Commission: Ken Balsley, Troy Kirby, and Aram Wheeler

Excused: Sarah Daniels and Erwin Vidallon

Staff: Jen Burbidge, Carolyn Elliott and Sue Falash

Public:

The meeting was called to order at 5:32 pm, by Chair Aram Wheeler

### **Additions or deletions to the Agenda**

**Commissioner Wheeler made a motion to approve the agenda as written and Commissioner Balsley seconded.**

**Motion carried.**

### **Announcements & introductions**

#### **Minutes**

**Commissioner Balsley made a motion to approve the August minutes, and Commissioner Wheeler seconded. Motion carried.**

### **Correspondence**

No correspondence

### **Citizen/Public Comments on Items not on the Agenda**

#### **Old Business**

- a) COVID-19 Updates. Fall Registration is Sept. 16. Due to COVID-19 the Tree Lighting and the Lighted Parade have been cancelled. Maintenance staff will still put up the lights. Jeannette Seiler is working on some type of virtual event to highlight the Lights at Huntamer Park.
- b) Updated Work Plan. Jen provided the updated work plan with the section marked "postponed due to COVID-19", as the Commission had requested last month. She did let the Commission know that she has had the approval to move ahead with item #9, Community Engagement and Outreach.
- c) Aquatics Feasibility Study. Council appreciated the Park Board's decision.

#### **New Business**

- a) Community Garden Pilot Project. Will be gathering a committee to oversee this Community Garden and Food Forest Pilot Project to be at Woodland Creek Community Park site.

#### **Director's Report**

- a) Staff Presentation-none scheduled
- b) Sports Commission update-Sue Falash: Sean Finney and Jeff Johnson, from Olympia and Jeff, from VCB, will be attending The Teams bidding, this year it will be held virtually to get groups for 2021 and beyond.
- c) Programs & Special Events-Sue Falash gave highlights of the programs that staff are working on for the Fall registration.

- d) Construction Updates
  - 1. Depot Trail Amenity
  - 2. Depot Playground
  - 3. Skate Park Upgrades and repairs done.Jen shared slides of all the above projects.
- e) Planning
  - 1. Greg Cuoio Park Master Plan. Jen will report next month, after a meeting next week.
  - 2. Community Outreach Project.
- f) Grants & Budgets
- g) Volunteers
- h) Miscellaneous

### **Commissioner's Report**

**Commissioner Balsley:** Had visited Rainier Vista Park last weekend and it was great to see so many people at the Park. He would like to see the restrooms opened.

### **Chair's Report**

Commissioner Wheeler stated he has seen many people at Wonderwood Park as well.

### **Committee Reports**

- a) PARC Foundation- Received a check in the amount of \$1,600.00 from Nisqually Tribe for scholarships.

### **Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

**Next meeting:** Wednesday, October 7, 2020 at 5:30pm via ZOOM.