

## **BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS MINUTES**

Wednesday, June 2, 2021 5:30pm, via Zoom

### **Present:**

Sarah Daniels, Troy Kirby and Aram Wheeler

Excused: Ken Balsley and Erwin Vidallon

Staff: Jen Burbidge, Carolyn Elliott, Sue Falash and Marilyn Eshenbaugh

Public: Juliet Vong with HBB Landscape Architects

The meeting was called to order at 5:31 pm, by Chair Sarah Daniels

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

**Commissioner Kirby made a motion to move approve the agenda, and Commissioner Wheeler second. Motion carried**

### **Announcements & introductions**

Ken Balsley's term is up the first of August. He will be recognized at a Council meeting in August. Jen will reach out to see which meeting he would prefer to attend.

### **Minutes**

**Commissioner Kirby made a motion to approve the May 5, 2021 minutes, and Commissioner Wheeler seconded. Motion carried.**

### **Calendar**

No updates

### **Correspondence**

No Correspondence

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

None

### **Old Business**

- a) Greg Cuoio Park & Greenways Master Plan/HBB Landscape Architects  
Juliet Vong, gave a follow up to the first workshop (May 12 from 6-8pm). We decided to extend the survey until June 16. We want to get more senior, youth, and diverse input. The next workshop will be July 28.
- b) COVID-19 Update. Jen reported as of May 18, all counties in Washington moved to Phase 3. If 70% of population initiate vaccination, Washington can be fully open by June 30.

The Cities of Lacey, Olympia and Tumwater Parks departments are working collaboratively Thurston County Public Health to get details from the Governor's office for different program areas. Essentially, we need to know if specific guidance (for example Sporting Activities) will be updated for "Phase 4"

- c) Jen reported the Lacey cares survey closed May 31. There will be parks specific feedback from that survey that she will be sharing once it's all compiled and in a sharable format.

### **New Business**

- a) Lacey Depot Reservation Application Jen went over the changes that were made to the Lacey Depot Reservation Application.  
**Commissioner Wheeler made a motion to approve the Lacey Depot Reservation Application as amended and Commissioner Kirby seconded. Motion carried.**
- b) 2021 Thurston County Conservation Futures Ranking Committee  
 Jen reminded commissioners that Thurston County Parks Board was disbanded in 2014. They are looking for volunteers from the parks committees of other jurisdictions in the county. They will choose via lottery, out of a pool of interested volunteers. No one volunteered; Jen will reach out to Erwin and Ken to see if they are interested.
- c) 2020 Annual Report Park Board Message. Jenny Wilson, Aquatics Manager, put together this report.  
**Commissioner Daniels made a motion to approve the draft 2020 Annual Report Park Board message and Commissioner Kirby seconded. Motion carried**

### **Director's Report**

- a) Staff Presentation-Marylin Eshenbaugh shared two presentations  
 1. Kiosk project on the Woodland Creek Trail  
 2. New Program: Green Connection
- b) Sports Commission update-none
- c) Programs & Special Events, Sue reported:
- Summer day camp is full
  - We will be partnering with NTPS to offer Playground Pals, this is a free program. This year families will need to register.
  - RAC tournaments are booking up. The new concessions owner is doing a great job.
  - Summer Concert series are operating under phase three guidelines we have 200 people registered.
  - We began taking reservations for picnic shelters on June 1
  - Facility rentals for the weekends are picking up.
- d) Construction Updates.
- e) Planning
- f) Grants & Budgets
- g) Volunteers
- h) Miscellaneous

**Commissioner's Report**

Commissioner Wheeler: The library story signs were installed at Wonderwood Park and they look great.

Commissioner Kirby: Jerry Farmer is retiring.

**Chair's Report**

No report

**Committee Reports**

a) PARC Foundation. No report

**Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm.

**Next meeting:** Wednesday July 7, 2021 at 5:30pm via Zoom.