

BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

Wednesday, August 4, 2021 5:30pm, via Zoom

Present:

Sarah Daniels, Troy Kirby, and Aram Wheeler

Excused: Erwin Vidallon

Staff: Jen Burbidge and Jordy Beasley

Public: Kristine Havier

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm, by Chair, Sarah Daniels

Additions or deletions to the Agenda

Commissioner Wheeler made a motion to move items 9a, 8a, 7a and 6 (in that order) after item 5, Correspondence. Commissioner Kirby seconded.

Agenda approved as amended

Announcements & introductions

Jen made the following announcements:

- Ken Balsley was scheduled to be recognized at tomorrow's council meeting. He would like to wait until he can attend an in-person meeting.
- Interviews are currently being scheduled for Ken's replacement.
- Council will be discussing in person meetings tomorrow. Once a decision is made Park Board will follow suit as to how we will conduct future meetings.

Minutes

Commissioner Kirby made a motion to approve the July 7 minutes, and Commissioner Wheeler seconded. Motion carried.

Correspondence

- a) eBikes & eScooters on Trails
- b) 5b-Meridian Park Request

Citizen/Public Comments on Items not on the Agenda

None

Old Business

- a) Greg Cuoio Park & Greenways Master Plan – Juliet Vong, HBB. Juliet gave an abbreviated presentation from the July 28 open house.

Jen and Juliet captured Park Board input regarding the master plan. Park Board comments included.

- Want to make sure community and neighbors are heard. Reiterated how many opportunities there are to provide input, the best being the survey.
 - Utilizing assets that are not available in other parks, make something unique (Structured camping, mountain biking, zip line, adventure trail, cross country meets, unique playground equipment, gold level course, dog park)
 - They seemed divided on pickleball (perhaps pickleball is already covered at other locations?)
 - South Puget Sound Disc Golf Association is an asset, opportunity to partner
 - Ensure parking to support tournament level
 - Supported multiple loops
 - Additional 18 holes –leaned toward Pleasant Glade option
 - Mountain bike trails only / sustainability of a zip line a challenge / no opinion or none of above. Had some concerns about mountain bikes on this property in general, but maybe don't know enough about it.
 - Entrances: supported main public space at Carpenter, and thought all the main amenities should exist at every main parking area
 - Supportive of stage / amphitheater
 - Great opportunity for education, smaller learning center is more palatable. Expressed concerns about being able to operate a larger one, especially if a partner backs out.
 - Food forest / botanical gardens. Might be a better fit in more densely populated neighborhood. But, environmental sustainability is an important aspect. Demonstration garden: concerned about durability of the plants. If it's more secluded, how much vandalism would there be and how much maintenance would be needed? Need more info on what this would look like.
- b) COVID-19 update “Healthy Washington – Roadmap to Recovery”
- c) Lacey Cares / Parks outreach update

New Business

- a) Regional Trails Plan survey results – Paul Brewster, TRPC
<https://www.trpc.org/1057/Trails-Planning-Survey-Results>
- b) Huntamer Park Event Rental (**action**)
Commissioner Daniels made a motion to approve the Huntamer Park Alcohol Permit/Event Rental for Gateway Rotary BBB, and Commissioner Wheeler seconded. Motion carried.

Director's Report

- a) Staff Presentation-Jordy Beasley, Digital Newsletter
Jordy went over, why we came up the Digital Newsletter, how it has been used and what we hope to gain in the future from the digital newsletter.
- b) Sports Commission update-none
- c) Programs & Special Events-no updates
- d) Construction Project Updates
- e) Planning
- f) Grants & Budget. Jen reported that we are still working on Food Forest Program.

There was a potential for a grant opportunity but at the last minute there were too many extenuating circumstances for City to apply.

g) Volunteers

h) Miscellaneous. Jen announced:

- Scott Devlin was promoted to Public Works Operations Manager.
- She will be hiring an Executive Assistant. Forty-two applicants were received.

Commissioner's Report

No reports.

Chair's Report

No reports.

Committee Reports

a) PARC Foundation. No report

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Next meeting: Wednesday September 1, 2021 at 5:30pm via Zoom.