

CITY OF LAKE STEVENS
PARK AND RECREATION PLANNING BOARD & ARTS COMMISSION
JOINT MEETING MINUTES
Lake Stevens Community Center
1808 Main Street
Lake Stevens, WA 98258

Monday, February 12, 2018

CALL TO ORDER: 6:05 PM by Tina Decker, Park Board Chair and Steve Apodoca, Arts Commission Chair

MEMBERS PRESENT: Parks & Recreation Board: Tina, Decker, Chris Jones, Carl Johnson, Marlene Sweet, Susan Green, Roger Schollenberger, Terry Van Wyck and Kurt Hilt – Parks & Recreation Planning Board City Council Liaison; Arts Commission: Steve Apodoca, Holly Forbis, Linda Ehmen, Kathy Krause, Kate Wyant

MEMBERS ABSENT: Bridget Scott, Sara Brown, Gisela Hinchcliffe, Emeritus member and Todd Welch, Arts Commission City Council Liaison

STAFF PRESENT: Jim Haugen, Parks and Recreation Coordinator; Russ Wright, Planning Community Development Director, and Teresa Meyers, Secretary

GUESTS PRESENT: Terry Myer, Chamber of Commerce; Kim Daughtry, City Councilmember; Kurt Hilt, Park Board Councilmember Liaison

INTRODUCTIONS: Chair Decker and Chair Apodoca asked the group to introduce themselves stating their position or representation.

Russ Wright introduced and acknowledged Councilmember Kurt Hilt's attendance in the audience. Councilmember Hilt assumes the Park Board Liaison position and Councilmember Todd Welch serves as the Arts Commission liaison.

Jim Haugen recognized Terry Myer with the Chamber of Commerce and asked Ms. Myer to provide the group with a Chamber update.

DISCUSSION ITEMS: Russ Wright gave an overall summary of the purpose of the Joint Meeting as an opportunity for both groups to share collaborative efforts that have developed

throughout the community and will continue throughout the year while park construction continues.

Steve Apodoca provided an update for the Arts Commission and formally requested the Arts events be added to the Park & Recreation Planning Board calendar. Russ Wright directed Steve to coordinate events with Associate Planner, Jill Meis.

Further discussion took place focusing on upcoming events and volunteer opportunities including but not limited to: Music in the Park events, Discover Lake Stevens Expo; Tour De Cure, downtown mural program and a potential “spring” community event such as “Founder Day”. Steve Apodoca announced the Air Force Band concert event anticipated to be held on July 7th with a total of three musical groups. Coordination between the Commission and the Parks Board was suggested.

Steve Apodoca introduced Arts Commissioner Kate Wyant, who will spearhead youth activities to better include participation at upcoming events. Kate volunteered to work with the Parks Board to initiate possible youth park activities. The question arose: “What is recreation? What is arts?”

Chris Jones volunteered to be the liaison with the Little League so the City can improve the sport aspect of recreation in city parks.

Updates to the City website, the Arts Commission “rack card” save the date notices and social media mechanisms were discussed.

Jim Haugen referred to the 2018 event calendar, asking the group for event ideas. Linda Ehmen mentioned the Arts Foundation possibly holding a fundraiser dance. Susan Green complimented the Arts Commission’s work and cultural direction in the community.

Russ Wright tasked Jim Haugen with brainstorming four recreational activities a year and returning to both the Board and Commission with the list for further discussion and action.

Jim Haugen introduced the decision to develop a joint Arts and Parks and Recreation task force which will meet bi-monthly to continue collaboration between the two bodies. Tina Decker and Roger Schollenberger volunteered to represent the Parks and Recreation Planning Board. Steve Apodoca and Kate Wyant volunteered to represent the Arts Commission. Jim Haugen will coordinate the bi-monthly meetings for the newly formed Arts & Parks Coordination Team.

WORK PLAN REVIEW Tina Decker reviewed the Parks & Recreation Planning Board work program. Discussion was held regarding the park naming policy and potential processes for proceeding and recognition of the creation of the taskforce work group.

Linda Ehmen suggested the park improvements combine arts with cultural items throughout the new parks and Lundein Park renovation. Jim Haugen asked Linda to present the Arts Vision presentation to the Park Board at the March meeting.

STAFF REPORT – Jim Haugen

Eagle Ridge Park – work continues at the community garden parking area and the access road.

Frontier Heights – Public Works will begin maintenance work for the park. Additional work for the fields and play area to go to bid.

Lundein Park – will be under construction from April until July 1st.

Jim is working with Adopt a Stream and the City to plant 300 trees along Catherine Creek.

Thanks to everyone for the joint participation and collaboration efforts!

ADJOURN:

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Arts Vision Presentation



Tina Decker, Chair
Parks Board



Steven Apodaca, Chair
Arts Commission



Teresa Meyers, Secretary