

**CITY OF LAKE STEVENS
PARK AND RECREATION PLANNING BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

Virtual Meeting
Lake Stevens, WA 98258

Monday August 9, 2021

CALL TO ORDER: 6:04 PM by Chris Jones – Chair

MEMBERS PRESENT: Carl Johnson, Roger Schollenberger, Marlene Sweet,
Bryan Heigert, Connor Davis; Tina Decker

MEMBERS ABSENT: Colton Whitworth; Susan Green

STAFF PRESENT: Russ Wright, Planning and Community Development
Director; Jill Meis, Parks Planning and Development
Coordinator; Teresa Meyers, Planning

GUESTS:

ACTION ITEMS:

Tina Decker joined the meeting at 6:15 pm for the quorum. Carl Johnson moved to approve Colton Whitworth and Susan Green's absence. Tina Decker seconded the motion. The motion carried (7-0-0-2)

1.) Regular Minutes: Carl Johnson moved to approve the minutes as submitted. Tina Decker seconded the motion. The motion carried (7-0-0-2)

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- 1. Mission/Vision Statement Development** – Chair Jones asked Jill Meis to provide the presentation. At the April board meeting, the decision was made to focus on vision statement development and then work on the mission statement to assure the mission clearly outlined the methods needed to attain the vision statement. Additional discussion and feedback occurred at the May board meeting where staff presented a first draft vision statement. A second draft version of the vision statement which incorporated the feedback and suggested edits from the previous meetings was presented for consideration.

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AND WATER ACCESS THAT SUPPORT DIVERSITY AND CULTURAL CONNECTIONS TO ENHANCE THE QUALITY OF LIFE AND SUPPORT THE PHYSICAL AND MENTAL WELL-BEING OF OUR RESIDENTS AND VISITORS. WE PROMOTE PROGRAMS, EVENTS AND FESTIVALS TO SUPPORT ECONOMIC VITALITY AND THAT ENRICH, EDUCATE AND ENLIVEN OUR COMMUNITY.

Jill also provided a proposed draft mission statement for Board consideration.

ADVISE THE CITY OF LAKE STEVENS THROUGH COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT ON ACQUISITION, DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF DESTINATION PARKS, RECREATION ACTIVITIES AND OPEN SPACE. PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS ON MUNICIPAL CODES, POLICIES AND METHODS THAT PLACE EMPHASIS ON CONSERVATION, INCLUSIVENESS, EQUITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. SUPPORT EVENTS AND FESTIVALS THAT PROVIDE CULTURAL CONNECTIONS, FOSTER COMMUNITY PRIDE AND ATTRACT VISITORS.

Chair Jones suggested the discussion resume on the September meeting agenda when the full board was in attendance. No action was taken.


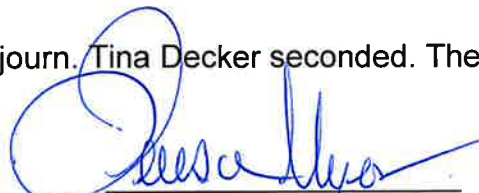
2. Parks Update

- The board will continue its mission and vision statement development.
- North Cove Park – Festival street and plaza construction has begun. The estimated finish date is January 2022.
- Sunset Beach – The park will fall under City ownership when the Southeast annexation is complete. Next steps are to plan and install improvements at this site.
- Eagle Ridge – A large volunteer group is scheduled to weed, turn compost and other garden related activities. The Community Garden is still in need of a long-term volunteer to help with day-to day operations
- Lundeen Park – K9 Academy is due to return with dog obedience classes on August 26th for 6 weeks.
- Oak Hill Park – The City has been adding landscaping and a volunteer group is scheduled to install gazebos.
- Events, Recreation & Culture – The Lake Stevens Arts and Parks Foundation is hosting afterhours events on Wednesdays at North Cove Park through the last three weeks of the Farmers Market. The event will include a beverage garden and live music. The “Run for your Life, Suicide Awareness Fun Run” event takes place on August 14, 2021. The event will include vendors, a 1 mile, 5k or 10k run and host mental health providers and a beer garden. Theater in the Park will return at Eagle Ridge Park on August 22nd and 29th with a children’s show and a family friendly Shakespeare show. Various fitness classes, Tai Chi classes and Skyhawks summer camps continue to be held throughout the parks.

Board Member Reports: Tina Decker and Bryan Heigert suggested field trips to surrounding parks. Carl Johnson suggested board members make a list of parks of interest and distribute amongst the board for possible tours. Carl also inquired about the status of the Cedarwood HOA Clubhouse. Russ Wright informed the Board the City completed the transfer paperwork for ownership earlier in the month and will need to budget for repairs and maintenance before use. The Board asked for an update on the proposed pump track location and feasibility. According to Director Wright, the proposal is still under feasibility study for the Centennial site location. Connor Davis asked about the plan for the downtown development specifically the museum proposal for size and location. Chair Jones will work with Russ and Jill to see if it might be feasible for the Board to meet at one of the City's park locations in the future. Jill recommended talking to the City Clerk for a Board field trip. Tina Decker reported the Light Up Lake Stevens Event was a huge success and asked about vandalism in North Cove Park. Russ Wright informed everyone the vandalism has slowed with the implementation of the cameras. Chris Jones shared the Lake Stevens Little League placed 2nd at the state championship and Russ stated the league and junior athletics has a meeting scheduled with the Mayor and staff to discuss programs so an update for the Board may be provided at the next meeting.

ADJOURN:

Carl Johnson moved to adjourn. Tina Decker seconded. The meeting adjourned at 6:46 pm.


Chris Jones, Chair
Teresa Meyers, Secretary