

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

Virtual Meeting  
Lake Stevens, WA 98258

Monday September 13, 2021

CALL TO ORDER: 6:03 PM by Chris Jones – Chair

MEMBERS PRESENT: Carl Johnson, Marlene Sweet, Bryan Heigert, Connor Davis; Tina Decker; Colton Whitworth; Susan Green

MEMBERS ABSENT: Roger Schollenberger

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

GUESTS:

**ACTION ITEMS:**

- 1.) **Regular Minutes:** Carl Johnson moved to approve the minutes. Connor Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried (8-0-0-1)
- 2.) **Mission/Vision Statement Development** – Chair Jones informed the members the item had been previously discussed at the August meeting; however, several members were not available, Jill Meis presented a timeline overview for the vision statement development. An updated second draft version of the vision statement which incorporated the feedback and suggested edits from the previous meetings with Board members' suggestions was presented for consideration.

*THE CITY OF LAKE STEVENS PROVIDES HIGH QUALITY, WELL-MAINTAINED, SAFE AND SUSTAINABLE PARKS, TRAILS, OPEN SPACES AND WATER ACCESS INCLUSIVE TO ALL. WE SUPPORT EQUITABLE RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES, VARIED PARK AMENITIES AND ACCESS TO PUBLIC ART TO ENHANCE THE QUALITY OF LIFE, THE PHYSICAL AND MENTAL WELL-BEING OF OUR RESIDENTS AND VISITORS THAT PROMOTE CULTURAL CONNECTIONS. WE PROMOTE DIVERSE PROGRAMS, EVENTS AND FESTIVALS THAT ENRICH, EDUCATE AND ENLIVEN OUR COMMUNITY AND SUPPORT THE ECONOMIC VITALITY OF LAKE STEVENS AS A DESTINATION.*

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

*ADVISE THE CITY OF LAKE STEVENS ON PRIORITIES FOR THE ACQUISITION, DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF PARKS AND OPEN SPACES CONSIDERING COMMUNITY PREFERENCES INCLUSIVITY, ADOPTED LEVELS OF SERVICE, FINANCIAL CAPABILITY AND REGIONAL STRATEGIES. PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS ON MUNICIPAL CODES, POLICIES AND METHODS THAT EMPHASIZE CONSERVATION, EQUITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. SUPPORT EVENTS AND FESTIVALS THAT PROMOTE INCLUSIVE CULTURAL CONNECTIONS, FOSTER COMMUNITY PRIDE AND ATTRACT VISITORS.*

Further discussion and feedback ensued to final the vision and mission statement. Updating the mission statement to incorporate Parks and Recreation and responsible recreation was discussed.

Carl Johnson moved to approve with the discussed edits. Marlene Sweet seconded. The motion carried (8-0-0-1)

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

### **1. Comp Plan Update**

Jill Meis explained the Comprehensive Plan update process for the Parks Chapter. Updates to the chapter are necessary to capture the progress and completed projects over the years as well as set new project priorities. The main updates for 2021 include changes to amenities offered; North Cove Park completion of Phase II; master planning effort of the 20<sup>th</sup> Street Ballfield; Eagle Ridge Park development and planning efforts to Centennial Woods Park for a future pump track. As a discussion item, Jill asked the board to provide feedback on the proposed changes to the draft Parks Chapter of the Comprehensive Plan.

### **2. Parks Update**

- North Cove Park – Festival street and plaza construction will include an additional restroom building along Mill Spur.
- Sunset Beach – The beach is officially owned by the City and maintenance and design work will be addressed in the coming months.
- Eagle Ridge – A volunteer group is scheduled to finish the weeding project. The Community Garden is still in need of a long-term volunteer to help with day-to day operations.
- Eagle Ridge Park grant contract review is expected from the National Park Service this month. The next steps will be to have RCO submit to the City for final execution. Once the grant contract is in place the City will hire a design consultant to develop a park design consistent with the park vision.
- 20<sup>th</sup> Street Ballfields Trailhead – This project will have an extended timeline and construction will not begin until 2022.
- Events, Recreation & Culture – The Lake Stevens Arts and Parks Foundation hosted an afterhours event on Wednesdays at North Cove Park through the last three weeks of the Farmers Market. The event included a beverage garden and live music. The “Run for your Life, Suicide Awareness Fun Run” event was held on August 14, 2021. The T.R.A.I.L.S. program was launched in August to encourage the community to engage in area parks for a walk and

other leisure activities. A Mixxedfit fitness class at Lundeen has been extended through September. These classes are on Sunday and Thursdays and are free to the public. BUDO racing hosted the Lake Stevens Triathlon on September 11, 2021 at North Cove. A proposal was received from an artist for the water tower art piece in North Cove. Members of the Arts and Parks Foundation and Park board will review the proposal for recommendation. HarvestFest will transition to a virtual event this year. The Harvest Market will return on October 23<sup>rd</sup> at North Cove Park and the Great Pumpkin will be at Lundeen all of October.

**Board Member Reports:** Bryan Heigert mentioned visiting parks in Wenatchee and Anacortes with Pickleball courts and Zip Line features which might be a unique add to Lake Stevens. Bryan also asked about land options near Constitution Park for developing a bike park. Connor Davis reported an interest for the Board to offer recreation programs for the teen population that may not participate in after school sports or have an opportunity for recreation in other locations throughout the City. Tina Decker provided an update from the Arts and Parks Foundation's Light Up the Lake event fundraiser. Tina asked for an updated contact list for the Board. Chris Jones shared he found his form from helping to build the Kids Oasis playground.

**ADJOURN:**

Carl Johnson moved to adjourn. Marlene Sweet seconded. The meeting adjourned at 7:26 pm.

*Natalie Held*

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Clerk, Parks & Recreation Planning Board