

BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS MINUTES
Wednesday, February 3, 2016 5:30pm, Lacey City Hall

Present:

Commission: Lu Carlson, Matt Acker, Alexandra Rivera & Ken Balsley

Excused: Paul Royer

Staff: Sue Falash & Liz Spiller

Public: James Reddick

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 pm, by Chair Lu Carlson.

Additions or deletions to the Agenda

Addition: New Business: b) Vacancy candidates

Announcements & introductions

Minutes

The December 2, 2015 minutes were unanimously approved and placed on record.

Calendar

Thursday, February 25, 2pm: The HUB Grand Opening Ceremony

Wednesday, March 9, 5:30pm: Regional Park Board Meeting, OPARD hosting,
location TBA

Correspondence

No correspondence.

Old Business

a) CFP update: nothing to update yet

b) Input from survey & discussion of priorities:

Sue Falash distributed results from CFP Survey and asked Commissioners to review for discussion at the next meeting.

c) 2015 Accomplishments:

Motion: To approve the 2015 Key Accomplishments & Noteworthy Achievements.

With no second forthcoming, the motion was dropped.

d) 2016 Work Plan: approve

Motion: To approve the 2016 Work Plan as drafted.

The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

New Business

a) BNRR Abandonment: no information to discuss.

b) Two people have applied for the vacant Commissioner position. Candidates will interview with Mayor Andy Ryder and Sue Falash. Commissioners would like to see a Commissioner with diversity, specialized skills, park/facility user and enthusiasm.

Director's Report

a) Programs & Special Events

1) Polar Bear Plunge

376 people braved the cold weather and plunged, with even more spectators.

Plungers ranged from 3 years old to 76 years old, with 170 first-time-plungers!

2) Winter Registration

Winter Registration opened December 2 with approximately 61% registering online.

b) Construction Project Updates

- 1) The HUB
The HUB Project is complete, with just minor finish work to be done. The Grand Opening Ceremony is scheduled for Thursday, February 25 at 2:00pm. Liz will send a reminder email for Commissioners who'd like to attend.
- c) Planning: no report
- d) Grants & Budget
 - 1) LLHR- Americorps Crew
The Americorps Crew worked out at Lake Lois Habitat Reserve twice in January, and will continue to work as they are able. Sue said they a great group to work with are very hard workers.
- e) Miscellaneous
 - 1) Saint Martin's Engineering project:
Plans were returned to the Saint Martin's Engineering class, with Commissioner comments and recommendations.

Commissioner's Report

No report.

Chair's Report

No report.

Citizen/Public Comments on Items not on the Agenda

None.

Committee Reports

- a) PARC Foundation, James Reddick:
Olympia Parks is hosting the Regional Park Board meeting on March 9, 5:30pm, location to be announced.
PARC projects:
Caipitol to Bay Relay planning is underway.
Puddle Jump is November 5.
Spring Event idea developing: Big Easy Brunch
Advising City of Tenino on a fundraiser for the Quarry.
PARC received 3 grants from the Nisqually Tribe recently.
- b) City's 50th Anniversary of Incorporation Planning Committee, Ken Balsley:
Year long celebration will run July2016- July 2017, with a huge fireworks festival & display kicking off the event July 3. Other events include an enhanced Christmas Tree Lighting event & Lighted Car Parade.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 6:10pm pm.

Next meeting: Wednesday, March 2, 2016 at 5:30pm at the Lacey City Hall.