



Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission Agenda
7pm Wednesday, June 8, 2022
City Hall Council Chambers & Remotely
***Note Meeting Time & Location**

Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 871 5488 2658

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of May 11, 2022 Meeting Minutes
- III. Citizen Comment on Non-Agenda Items
- IV. New Business
 - a. Unity Park Concept Plan & Vision Statement Review – Brian Bishop & Jen Montessor Walker Macy
- V. Old Business
 - a. Whitfield Triangle Update
- VI. Commission Member Reports / Other Business
- VII. Staff Reports
- VIII. Adjournment

Guidelines for Citizen Comments on Non-Agenda Items and Public Comments:

Purpose: Allow the public to address the Parks & Recreation Commission on subjects that are not on the regular Agenda at this particular meeting. Comments must concern the City's business or a matter over which the committee has control.

Procedure for Public Participation:

- When recognized, please state your name, and the subject to be discussed.
- Three-minute time limit for citizen comment on non-agenda items (without interruption). Commission will not act on issue. Five-minute time limit for the introduction of new business items, unless extended by a by a majority of Commission members present.
- Submit written comments to Staff representative.
- Speakers are cautioned not to make comments of a personal, impertinent or derogatory nature.
- The Parks & Recreation Commission does not take action at the meeting at which a subject is first introduced during the public comment period. You may wish to concisely state your concern and request placement of your matter on a future agenda.

**Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission
Meeting Minutes – May 11, 2022**

DATE OF MEETING: May 11, 2022
MEMBERS PRESENT: Laci Harrison, Ali Brown, Ali Burton, Nikki Pollock, KT Kelleher
OTHERS PRESENT: Parks & Recreation Director Case, Jason Clifton, Alex Eyre, Ellensburg Arts Commissioner
LOCATION: Meeting was held at the Council Chambers and Remotely

CALL TO ORDER – Commission Chair Harrison called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.

MEETING MINUTES - The meeting minutes from the April 20, 2022 meeting were approved. ***All in favor.***

OLD BUSINESS – Skate Park Mural – Based on a request from the Commission at their April 20, 2022 meeting, Jason Clifton, the artist of the skatepark mural and Alex Eyre, a member of the Arts Commission, attend the meeting to discuss the mural. Both indicated that there was a miscommunication in the approval process and that Mr. Clifton was under the impression that all of the approvals were in place. Other contributing factors impacting the mural and process was the delay created by COVID and turnover in City staff and Commission members.

Mr. Clifton responded to concerns from the Commission regarding the message the mural may be sending our community by featuring people from the skateboarding community who have passed away due to chemical dependency or abuse.

Commission member Brown stated she went to the skatepark to talk with skaters about the mural and there was support for the mural.

A motion was made and seconded to recommend Commission approval of the mural as it moves on to the City Council for final approval. **Motion passed 5-0.**

Review of Park Partnership Application - Staff asked the Commission to provide any changes to the Parks Partnership Application in advance of it going out to the public on June 1st. The only recommendation made was that language in the application be amended making it clear that the money is intended for improvements that are capital in nature, either development or purchasing equipment.

Recap of Unity Park Stakeholders Meetings – Staff provided a recap from a series of hourlong meetings with three stakeholder groups; City staff/Boards & Commission, event planners, and downtown business owners/neighbors regarding the planning process for Unity Park.

ITEMS FOR JUNE 8, 2022 MEETING

Unity Park concept plan review. Commission meeting will take place to accommodate park planning event scheduled from 5pm-6:30pm June 8th.

STAFF REPORT

1. Jackie Adams and Nick Zentner are the two individuals being recommended to Council as the two new Commission members, replacing Dan Witkowski and Ali Burton, whose terms expire May 31, 2022. 2. Over 40 youth baseball teams will be in town the weekend of May 14 & 15 playing out at Rotary Park. 3. The property survey work for Reed Park was completed last week. 4. A variety of organizations are planning the 'Ride to Renslow' on Saturday May 21st. The ride will leave Unity Park at 9am and end just out past the newly refurbished Renslow Trestle. 5. On Monday, May 16th, City Council will be hosting a study session to discuss indoor recreational facility needs.

Meeting adjourned at 7:05pm.