



Agenda
Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting
Thursday, October 13, 2022
Richland City Hall ~ Council Chambers
625 Swift Boulevard

Commission Members: Chair Buelt, and Members Arnquist, Gutierrez, Ladd, Lunstad, Mason and Thallapally

Liaisons: Council Liaison: Kent
Council Liaison Alternate: Richardson
Staff Liaison: Schiessl

Regular Meeting - 6:00 p.m.

Welcome

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Approval of Agenda: (Approved by Motion)

1. Approval of the October 13, 2022 Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Agenda

Approval of Minutes: (Approved by Motion)

2. Approval of the August 11, 2022 Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting and September 22, 2022 Parks and Recreation Commission Workshop Minutes
- Patty Roe, Administrative Assistant II

Council Liaison Report:

Recreation Report:

Parks & Public Facilities Report:

Public Comments:

Presentations:

Unfinished Business:

New Business: 2022 Parks and Recreation Commission Vice Chair Election

3. 2022 Parks and Recreation Commission Vice Chair Election

Commission Comments:

Adjournment

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MINUTES

Richland Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting

Richland City Hall ~ Council Chambers

625 Swift Boulevard

Thursday, August 11, 2022 ~ 6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Buelt called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE:

Chair Buelt, Vice Chair Brooks and Commissioners Arnquist, Gutierrez, Mason, Lunstad, Dalton, and Thallapally were present.

Also, in attendance were Deputy City Manager Schiessl, and Recreation Manager Jackson.

APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 11, 2022 AGENDA:

Vice Chair Brooks moved to approve the August 11, 2022 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting agenda. Commissioner Lunstad seconded the motion. Motion approved 6-0.

APPROVAL OF THE JULY 14, 2022 MEETING MINUTES:

Commissioner Lunstad moved to approve the July 14, 2022 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting minutes. Vice Chair Brooks seconded the motion. Motion approved 6-0.

RECREATION REPORT:

Parks and Recreation Manager Jackson presented the Recreation Report.

Subjects included: 2022 National Night Out/City Fair, George Prout pool closure, "I Can Swim" program, aqua Zumba and lap swim, NFL flag football registration extended, Uptown Artwalk, and upcoming installation of lights for Winter Wonderland.

PARKS AND FACILITIES REPORT:

Deputy City Manager Schiessl presented the Parks and Public Facilities Report.

Subjects included: Announcement of new position as Deputy City Manager, and recruitment process for the new Parks and Public Facilities Director.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Guy Auld, 3124 Willow Pointe Drive
Provided comment regarding North Richland shared bike path.

Amy Prince, Richland Resident and Daily Leslie Groves South Birder
Correspondence included regarding input of Leslie Groves South.

Public Comment closed at 6:27 p.m.

PRESENTATIONS:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Parks and Recreation (PR&C) Goal 1 Objective 3 – Youth Involvement
Vice Chair Brooks
Discussion of youth involvement relative to the 2023 Parks and Recreation Commission goals.
Discussion only.
2. Parks and Recreation (PR&C) Goal 3 Objective 3 – Parks and Recreation Policy for Memorials, Gifts, Monuments, Statues, Works of Art and Naming Procedure
Joe Schiessl, Deputy City Manager
Discussion on the existing policy for memorials, gifts, monuments, statues, works of art and naming procedures. The Parks and Recreation expressed interest to discuss and potentially update the policy. This is the first step in that process.
Discussion only.

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Prepared by: _____
Patty Roe, Parks and Public Facilities - Administrative Assistant II

Reviewed by: _____
Joe Schiessl, Parks and Public Facilities - Director

Approved by: _____
Chair Jim Buelt, Richland Parks and Recreation - Chair

DRAFT

From: [Amy Prince](#)
To: [Roe, Patricia](#)
Subject: Fwd: Leslie Grove's South
Date: Saturday, August 6, 2022 9:12:36 PM
Attachments: [IMG_112089642.MOV](#)

Dear Commissioners,

Thank you for taking an interest in Leslie Grove's South. I very much appreciated the recognition that 1) native species, 2) Umatilla culturally-significant elements and 3) education be part of the long term plan. However, the belief that we can have Bald Eagles and frisbee golf is obtuse.

Imagine how the migratory birds are threatened by so much loss of habitat already and now the land adjacent to the immeasurably important resource for migratory birds, the mighty Columbia, is being made into frisbee golf?

I hope the commission will have better long-range vision than just another shiny, new-toy-mentality. The City of Richland is ready for a native garden park with culturally and historically significant elements. Pollinator gardening and native bunch grasses should be the goal, not another green lawn to water, mow and dump chemicals to keep weeded.

You want to do something lasting? You want a real legacy? Intentionally curate a naturalized habitat for native plants, insects and appropriate wildlife: like Bald Eagles, Cascade Red Foxes and Great Egrets.

If one has not visited a park with this much more forward-thinking approach, it is essential before any decision is made. I would suggest Katherine Albertsons Park in Boise.

<https://www.cityofboise.org/departments/parks-and-recreation/parks/kathryn-albertson-park/>

Two quick observations:

- 1) Changing Park and Rec's ability to "clear/cut" to eliminate "hiding" is not needed. Simply provide a phone number park-goers can call when illegal camping is happening and we will happily provide coordinates. The oversight as to this "hiding-cutting" is not as clear-cut, pardon the pun, as fire safety parameters. Who decides?
- 2) Grateful for student commission members and their insights and input. Bravo! Keep it going.

Finally, I was most impressed with the commission's recognition that Leslie Grove's South is unique and special. Please take what is special and curate it.

Sincerely,

Amy Prince

Richland Resident and daily Leslie Grove's South birder.

Attached-Butterflies Monarch? On Milkweed in Leslie Grove's South



MINUTES

Richland Parks and Recreation Commission Workshop

Richland Community Center, Meeting Room

500 Amon Park Drive

Thursday, September 22, 2022 ~ 6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER:

Commissioner Gutierrez called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE:

Commissioners Arnquist, Mason, Dalton, Thallapally and Gutierrez were present.

Chair Buelt and Commissioner Lunstad were absent.

Also, in attendance was Recreation Coordinator Davis.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. North Richland Bike Path
Discussion regarding public concerns of the shared bike path. Continued discussion at next workshop.
2. Fish Cleaning on City Docks
Discussion was had regarding the concerns with anglers leaving fish waste. Over time, fish waste has created unpleasant odors. Continued discussion at next workshop.

ADJOURNMENT:

Workshop adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

Prepared by: _____
Patty Roe, Administrative Assistant II

Reviewed by: _____
Joe Schiessl, Deputy City Manager

Approved by: _____
Chair Jim Buelt, Richland Parks and Recreation Commission



PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM COVERSHEET

Meeting Date: 10/13/2022

Agenda Category: New Business

Prepared By:

Subject:

2022 Parks and Recreation Commission Vice Chair Election

Department:

Parks & Public Facilities

Recommended Motion:

Move to nominate _____ as Vice Chair for the remainder of the 2022 Parks and Recreation Commission.

The term will be effective October 13, 2022.

Summary:

The Parks and Recreation Commission will entertain nominations for the vacant Vice Chair position. The term will be effective October 13, 2022.

Fiscal Impact:

Attachments: