



MINUTES

Richland Parks and Recreation Commission Special Meeting

Richland Community Center

500 Amon Park Drive

Thursday, March 23, 2023, ~ 6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER:

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

ATTENDANCE:

Chair Buelt, Vice Chair Mason, and Commissioners Cunningham, Heaton, Gutierrez, Lunstad, and Thallapally were present.

Commissioners Arnquist and Dalton were absent.

Also in attendance were Parks and Public Facilities Director Hester, Recreation Manager Jackson, and Council Liaison Kent.

APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 23, 2023 AGENDA:

Commissioner Cunningham **moved** to approve the March 23, 2023 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting agenda. Commissioner Gutierrez **seconded** the motion. Motion approved 7-0.

COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT:

Council Liaison Kent passed and did not provide a report.

RECREATION REPORT:

Recreation Manager Jackson passed and did not provide a report.

PARKS AND FACILITIES REPORT:

Parks and Public Facilities Director Hester passed and did not provide a report.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

The following individuals provided public comments:

- Paul Evans – Richland, WA: Mr. Evans provided input on the master plan for Little Badger Mountain Trail. Evans suggested proper signage with limited access near residential homes and his concerns with graffiti.
- Paul Ziener, Richland, WA: Mr. Ziener also provided input on the master plan for Little Badger Mountain Trail in support of Mr. Evans comments.
- Cheryl Ziener, Richland, WA: Mrs. Ziener provided input of support of the comments and suggestions made by Mr. Ziener and Mr. Evans regarding the master plan for Little Badger Mountain Trail.
- Amy Pedersen, Richland, WA: Ms. Pedersen provided input on the master plan for the Little Badger Mountain Trail. Pedersen showed concern about parking and the trail near the residence's property line in sections of the trail loop.

Public comments closed at 6:23 p.m.

PRESENTATIONS:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Little Badger Mountain Loop Trail Master Plan
Laura Hester, Parks and Public Facilities Director

The City of Richland has a large-scale capital improvement plan named River to Ridges Trail with a goal of developing trail systems throughout Richland, including this section of trail on Little Badger Mountain. The City has reached the point of needing a master plan for this section of trail. The Richland Parks & Recreation Commission has overseen the comprehensive public process to develop the master plan for the Little Badger Mountain Trail Loop.

Commissioner Lunstad moved to recommend that the City Council adopt the Little Badger Mountain Loop Trail Master Plan as presented. Commissioner Gutierrez seconded the motion. Motion approved 7-0.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

Prepared by: 
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Reviewed by: 
Laura Hester, Parks and Public Facilities - Director

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