



MINUTES

Richland Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting

Richland City Hall – Council Chambers

625 Swift Boulevard

Thursday, November 9, 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, Lunstad, Nune, and Thallapally were present.

Commissioners Arnquist and Gutierrez were absent.

Also in attendance were Recreation Manager Piper and Council Liaison Kent.

APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 9, 2023, AGENDA:

Commissioner Heaton moved to approve the November 9, 2023, Parks and Recreation Commission meeting agenda. Commissioner Lunstad seconded the motion. Motion approved 7-0.

APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING MEETING AND WORKSHOP MINUTES:

- September 14, 2023, Meeting
- October 26, 2023, Workshop

Commissioner Heaton moved to approve the September 14, 2023, Meeting and October 26, 2023, Workshop Parks and Recreation Commission minutes. Commissioner Cunningham seconded the motion. Motion approved 7-0.

COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT:

Council Liaison Kent presented the Council Liaison Report.

Subjects included the 2024 budget approval, which includes several park projects and the election of council members.

RECREATION REPORT:

Parks and Recreation Manager Piper presented the Recreation Report. Subjects included 2023 Winter Wonderland events and activities, which will light up December 1st.

PARKS AND FACILITIES REPORT:

Parks and Recreation Manager Piper presented the Parks and Public Facilities Report. Subjects included the National Fitness Campaign fitness court, scheduled for installation in the spring of 2024.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Neil Heeney – 5801 Glennbrook Loop, West Richland, WA: Mr. Heeney, a barefoot skier, provided comment on the non-motorized area between Nelson Island and Leslie Groves on the Columbia River. Focused on barefoot skiing. See Mr. Heeney's application to the Corp of Engineers submitted for the record.

Chris Bolkan – 450 McDonald Drive, Pasco, WA: Mr. Bolkan provided comment on the non-motorized area between Nelson Island and Leslie Groves on the Columbia River. Focused on barefoot skiing.

Del Ballard – 66 Newcomer St. Richland, WA: Mr. Ballard provided comment on the Donation Park Bench program in Leslie Groves Park. See Mr. Ballard's written statement submitted for the record.

Elinor Kasza – 1616 Hains Ave, Richland, WA: provided comment about the draft Leslie Groves Park Plan focused on vegetation management, safety, and maintenance.

PRESENTATIONS:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

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

Reviewed by: 
Joe Schiessl, Deputy City Manager

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