



Agenda
Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting
Thursday, August 8, 2024
Richland City Hall ~ Council Chambers
625 Swift Boulevard

Commission Members: Chair Mason, Vice-Chair Gutierrez, and Members Buelt, Cunningham, Gubba, Hodges, Lunstad, Thallapally, and Watrous

Council Liaison: Mayor Pro Tem Kent

Staff Liaison: Parks & Public Facilities Director Waite

Regular Meeting - 6:00 p.m.

Welcome

Pledge of Allegiance

Call to Order/Attendance:

Approval of Agenda: (Approved by Motion)

1. Approval of the August 8, 2024 Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Agenda

Approval of Minutes: (Approved by Motion)

2. Approval of the July 11, 2024 Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes

Council Liaison Report:

Recreation Report:

Parks & Public Facilities Report:

Public Comments:

Presentations:

3. Hanford Reach Citizen's Group Presentation
 - Rick Leumont

New Business:

4. Urban Greenbelt Trail (UGT) Naming Proposal
 - Christopher Waite, Parks & Public Facilities Director

Commission Comments:

Adjournment

Any individual who has difficulty attending the meeting in-person may request to provide comments remotely. (Ch. 42.30 RCW) Requests for sign interpreters, audio equipment, and/or other special services must be received 48 hours prior to the meeting by calling the City Clerk's Office at 509-942-7389.



PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM COVERSHEET

Meeting Date: 8/8/2024

Agenda Category: Approval of Minutes

Prepared By: Patty Roe, Administrative Assistant II

Subject:

Approval of the July 11, 2024 Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes

Department:

Parks & Public Facilities

Recommended Motion:

Approve the minutes of the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting held on July 11, 2024.

Summary:

Fiscal Impact:

Attachments:

1. 2024.07.11 Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes



MINUTES

Richland Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting

Richland City Hall – Council Chambers

625 Swift Boulevard

Thursday, July 11, 2024 ~ 6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Mason called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

ATTENDANCE:

Chair Mason, and Commissioners Cunningham, Lunstad, Gubba, and Watrous were present.

Vice Chair Gutierrez and Commissioners Buelt, Hodges, and Thallapally were absent.

Parks and Public Facilities Director Waite, Recreation Coordinator Davis, and Council Liaison Kent also attended.

APPROVAL OF THE JULY 11, 2024, PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA:

Commissioner Lunstad moved to approve the July 11, 2024, Parks and Recreation Commission meeting agenda. Commissioner Cunningham seconded the motion. The motion was approved 5-0.

APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING MEETING AND WORKSHOP MINUTES:

- **May 13, 2024 Special Meeting**
- **June 27, 2024 Workshop**

Commissioner Gubba moved to approve the presented Parks and Recreation Commission meeting and workshop minutes. Commissioner Lunstad seconded the motion. The motion was approved 5-0.

COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT:

Council Liaison Kent presented the Council Liaison Report.

Subjects included the annual presentation from the Fire and Police Department, which was presented at the June 25, 2024, City Council workshop, the 2025 City budget season, and a reminder that George Washington Way would be closed with alternate routes for the See3Slam event.

RECREATION REPORT:

Recreation Coordinator Davis presented the Recreation Report.

Subjects included a Cool Desert Nights update, the Outdoor Movie Series will run through the end of August, swim lessons added to evening sessions, and the Fire department assisted with mock training at George Prout Pool. Upcoming events include family Bingo, Pop-up Play Days, Richland Walks, STEAM Kids (Library), Art in the Park, and Rec N Roll.

PARKS AND FACILITIES REPORT:

Parks and Public Facilities Director Waite presented the Parks and Public Facilities Report.

Subjects included: completing the riverfront trail resurfacing at the Hains Levee, West Village Park, and resurfacing the pickleball court at Claybell Park. Waite thanked all city departments for keeping the parks safe and for all the upkeep involved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Molly Peterson, Richland Resident
Representing the Alphabet House Preservation

Peterson addressed the commission in support of the proposed renaming of the Urban Greenbelt Trail (UGT).

David Harvey, Richland Resident
Harvey also addressed the commission in support of the proposed renaming of the Urban Greenbelt Trail (UGT).

Emeron Costley, Richland Resident
Costley also addressed the commission in support of the proposed renaming of the Urban Greenbelt Trail (UGT).

Doreen Bughi, Richland Resident
D. Bughi also addressed the commission in support of the proposed renaming of the Urban Greenbelt Trail (UGT).

Richard Bughi, Richland Resident
R. Bughi also addressed the commission in support of the proposed renaming of the Urban Greenbelt Trail (UGT).

Public Comment closed at 6:27 p.m.

PRESENTATIONS:

3. Benton County Mosquito Control District Steve Ingalls, Field Supervisor

Ingalls presented a brief introduction of the Benton County Mosquito Control District mission and an overview of the county's current mosquito control programs to the commission and public in attendance. Ingalls explained services to the City of Richland parks and programming to monitor mosquito populations and mosquito-borne diseases. A discussion and answers to questions from the commission followed the presentation.

4. Urban Greenbelt Trail (UGT) Naming Proposal Nancy Doran

Doran presented the commission with the history of naming the current City of Richland Parks and the history of the Alphabet Homes designed by Gustav Albin Pehrson, an architect of the U.S. State of Washington. The Alphabet Homes are WWII-era homes built in the 1940s/50s, and they follow 25 specific layouts. Doran also discussed the proposal of renaming the Urban Greenbelt Trail to G. Albin Pehrson Urban Greenbelt Trail with the commission.

A discussion and answers to questions from the commission followed the presentation.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

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

Reviewed by: _____
Chris Waite, Parks and Public Facilities Director

Approved by: _____
Chair Mason, Richland Parks and Recreation Commission



PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM COVERSHEET

Meeting Date: 8/8/2024

Agenda Category: New Business

Prepared By: Christopher Waite, Parks & Public Facilities Director

Subject:

Urban Greenbelt Trail (UGT) Naming Proposal

Department:

Parks & Public Facilities

Recommended Motion:

I move that the Parks and Recreation Commission recommend that Richland City Council adopt the G. Albin Pehrson Urban Greenbelt Trail naming proposal as per the Parks and Recreation Policy for Memorials, Gifts, Monuments, Statues, Works of Art and Naming Procedure.

Summary:

Community members approached the Parks and Recreation Commission at a workshop on June 27, 2024 and again at a regular commission meeting on July 11, 2024 to propose the renaming of the Urban Greenbelt Trail (UGT) after G. Albin Pehrson. These presentations highlighted the important historical role Mr. Pehrson had as the Architect-Engineer that shaped the early layout of the community in the 1940s during the Manhattan Project and Hanford Site development. His influence is still visible in the City of Richland today. The Parks and Recreation Commission will consider naming the UGT the G. Albin Pehrson Urban Greenbelt Trail.

Fiscal Impact:

There are no fiscal impacts associated with adopting the naming proposal. There will be future fiscal impacts to update signage related to the renaming of the trail.

Attachments: