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Agenda

Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting

Thursday, May 13, 2021

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Public Meeting Access: (206) 337-9723 or (253) 215-8782

Meeting ID No. 814 1092 7563

Commission Members: Chair Gutierrez, Vice-Chair Buelt and Members Aldous, Andrews, Arnquist, Brooks, Henry, Mason and Slougher

Liaisons: Council Liaison Kent
Staff Liaison: Parks and Public Facilities Director Schiessl

Regular Meeting - 6:00 p.m. via Zoom

Welcome

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Approval of Agenda: (Approved by Motion)

- Approval of the May 13, 2021 Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Agenda

Approval of Minutes: (Approved by Motion)

- I. Approval of the March 11, 2021 Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes
 - Patty Roe, Administrative Assistant II

Public Comments:

If you wish to provide comments for the Public Comments portion of the meeting, please register [here](#) by 4:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting. Only those who register by the 4:00 p.m. deadline will be permitted to speak or have their comments read into the record during the meeting. Written comments that exceed three minutes when read aloud may not be read in their entirety but will be available in the record for review.

Unfinished Business:

New Business:

- I. Trail Speeds and E-Bikes
 - Joe Schiessl, Parks & Public Facilities Director

Commission Comments:

Adjournment

The next Parks and Recreation Commission Workshop is Thursday, May 27, 2021
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MINUTES

Richland Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting

Thursday, March 11, 2021 ~ 6:00 p.m.

Remote Meeting

CALL TO ORDER:

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

ATTENDANCE:

Chair Gutierrez, Vice Chair Buelt and Commissioners Richards, Doran, Henry, Mason, and Smith were present. Commissioners Slougher and Andrews were absent. Also in attendance were Parks and Public Facilities Director Schiessl and Parks and Recreation Manager Jackson.

APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 11, 2021 AGENDA:

Commissioner Doran **moved** to approve the March 11, 2021 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting agenda. Vice Chair Buelt **seconded** the motion. Motion approved 7-0.

APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 11, 2021 MEETING MINUTES:

Commissioner Andrews **moved** to approve the February 11, 2021 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting minutes with revision. Commissioner Doran **seconded** the motion. Motion approved 7-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None – Public Comment closed 6:06 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. 2021 Park Partnership Program Applications
 - Joe Schiessl, Parks & Public Facilities Director

Nine applications were received for the 2021 Park Partnership Program. The City designates \$20,000 annually from the Park Reserve Fund to provide matching fund grants to eligible applicants making capital improvements to City parks, trails, open space and recreational facilities.

Organization: Crested Hills Home Owners Association

Project Location: Crested Hills Park

Project: Planting of ten (10) trees

Requesting: \$2,287.15

Organization: Friends of Badger Mountain (FOBM)

Project Location: Future Little Badger Mountain Preserve

Project: Geotechnical Evaluation, Conceptual North Face Public Trail Design & Construction Cost Estimate for the North Face Public Trail

Requesting: \$5,000.00

Organization: Horn Rapids Motorsports Complex (HRMC)

Project Location: Horn Rapids Motorsports Complex - Off Road Motorsports Park

Project: Additional fencing for the entrance and exit points at the Horn Rapids Motorsports Complex.

Requesting: \$5,000.00

Organization: Purple Sage Riders, Back Country Horsemen of Washington

Project Location: W.E. Johnson Park (Richland Horse Park)

Project: Construct a staging/parking area for horse trailers, add a trail obstacle course and renovate the jump/cavaletti area, add a 22-meter training circle and dress the by-pass trail, install signage and native/xeric plants, mow and spray per plan.

Requesting: \$5,000.00

Organization: REACH Museum

Project Location: REACH Museum Outdoor Learning Area

Project: Upgrades and enhancements for REACH Museum Ripple Trail which features native plants of the Hanford Reach National Monument. Providing hands-on learning opportunities for students and visitors to experience the natural beauty of the Columbia Basin.

Requesting: \$3,400.00

Organization: Richland Parkway Improvement Association (RPIA)

Project Location: The Parkway

Project: A 14' landscaped circle by The Theater will be converted into an outdoor live performance space for mini events with inlaid art. The revamped space will reduce maintenance, increase usability and display info on the location's history and art.

Requesting: \$1,000.00

Organization: SILAS Education

Project Location: Riverwalk west from Bateman Island to SR240; and Columbia Point Marina Park

Project: Install Orbital Markers to show the orbital pathway of four (4) planets: Venus, Earth, Mars, and Ceres. Three additional Orbital Markers are currently being installed.

Requesting: \$5,000.00

Organization: Sundance Ridge Home Owners Association

Project Location: Heritage Hills Park

Project: Add colored perennials, shrubs, and grasses to the rocky areas in front and behind the fence. Redo existing drip line to water the new plantings. And add drip line, plant grasses and shrubs to the side of the park.

Requesting: \$2,000.00

Organization: Tapteal Greenway

Project Location: Grayhawk Phase 3

Project: Expand the new native plant garden and install a bench that overlooks the Yakima River.

Requesting: \$1,400.00

Commissioner Doran **moved** that the Parks and Recreation Commission recommend that Council approve the following listed organizations to represent the 2021 Park Partnership Program funding in the amount of \$19,287.15. Vice Chair Buelt **seconded** the motion. Motion passed 5-2.

Organization: Crested Hills Home Owners Association

Project Location: Crested Hills Park

Grant award: \$2,287.15

Organization: Friends of Badger Mountain (FOBM)

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Project Location: Horn Rapids Motorsports Complex - Off Road Motorsports Park

Grant award: \$5,000.00

Organization: Purple Sage Riders, Back Country Horsemen of Washington

Project Location: W.E. Johnson Park (Richland Horse Park)

Grant award: \$5,000.00

Organization: Sundance Ridge Home Owners Association

Project Location: Heritage Hills Park

Grant award: \$2,000.00

2021 Park Partnership Program total = \$19,287.15

Chair Gutierrez **moved** that the Parks and Recreation Commission request that Council consider an adjustment to increase the 2021 Park Partnership Program budget to fund the following additional applications:

Organization: REACH Museum

Requesting: \$3,400.00

Organization: Richland Parkway Improvement Association (RPIA).

Requesting: \$1,000.00

Organization: SILAS Education

Requesting: \$5,000.00

Organization: Tapteal Greenway

Requesting: \$1,400.00

Total = \$10,800.00

Doran **seconded** the motion. Motion passed 7-0

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

Reviewed by: Joe Schiessl, Parks and Public Facilities Director

Approved by: _____
Chair Maria Gutierrez, Richland Parks and Recreation Commission



PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM COVERSHEET

Meeting Date: 5/13/2021

Agenda Category: New Business

Prepared By: Joe Schiessl, Parks & Public Facilities Director

Subject:

Trail Speeds and E-Bikes

Department:

Parks & Public Facilities

Recommended Motion:

Discussion only.

Summary:

Over the past year the City of Richland Parks and Recreation Commission has been considering the growing use of electric bicycles and scooters on Richland's streets, sidewalks, paved and unpaved pathways. The Commission is considering a recommendation for maximum speed limits (15 mph) on all paved, shared-use pathways (such as Keene Road Pathway, Riverfront Trail, Bypass Shelterbelt Trail, Urban Greenbelt Trail, Sacagawea Trail, and the Vantage Highway Trail) in addition to additional reduced speed limits (5 mph) along congested portions of paved, shared-use pathways such as in Howard Amon and Leslie Groves Parks. The Commission is also considering the use of electric assist bicycles on unpaved, soft-surface trails in the parks system including WE Johnson Park, Bateman Island, Amon Natural Preserve, Columbia Point South, Yakima Delta, and other locations.

The State of Washington currently prohibits electric assist bicycles on unpaved "natural tread surfaces" (in Richland's case meaning dirt or sand trails in various locations) and allows electric assist bicycles on other unpaved soft surface trails improved with improved "tread surfaces" (in Richland's case meaning trails improved with gravel or wood chips in various locations). The State permits local governments to allow for electric assist bicycles on all unpaved trails, and without such an affirmative action, the RCW prohibits electric assist bicycles on "natural tread surfaces." The Parks and Recreation Commission is considering a recommendation to prohibit electric assist bicycles on unpaved soft surface trails.

There are three defined categories of electric assist bicycles and the State of Washington currently prohibits the most powerful Class 3 electric assist bicycles on "shared use paths." The Parks and Recreation Commission is considering allowing all classes of electric assist bicycles, including Class 3, on shared use paths subject to speed limits.

Tonight's hearing is an opportunity for the Parks and Recreation Commission to hear from interested persons and groups regarding the pros and cons of trail speed limits, and the appropriateness of electric assist bicycles on natural surface trails and other soft surface trails in Richland. Staff will overview the various issues and share images, aerial photography and maps as an introduction to the subject. Each member of the public will have an opportunity to provide up to a three minute comment on the issues, and the Parks and Recreation Commission will discuss the matter in a workshop setting and consider the feedback received. The Parks and Recreation Commission will not be making a formal recommendation on this subject at the meeting, but will engage in dialogue and conversation on the issue.

The State Legislature recently took up this matter and directed the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife and the Department of Natural Resources to undertake studies and to receive public input for lands managed by these State departments. Benton County has also begun a process to hear from area stakeholders on this issue related to County park land. While not necessary, it could be beneficial to develop a consistent approach on this subject throughout the Tri-Cities.

Fiscal Impact:

None - discussion only.

Attachments: