



MINUTES

Richland Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting

Thursday, June 10, 2021 ~ 6:00 p.m.

Remote Meeting via Zoom

CALL TO ORDER:

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

ATTENDANCE:

Chair Gutierrez, Vice Chair Buelt and Commissioners Aldous, Arnquist, Mason, Slougher, Henry and Brooks were present.

Commissioner Andrews was absent.

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

APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 10, 2021 MEETING AGENDA:

Vice Chair Buelt moved to approve the June 10, 2021 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting agenda. Chair Gutierrez seconded the motion. The motion carried 8-0.

APPROVAL OF THE MAY 13, 2021 MEETING MINUTES:

Vice Chair Buelt moved to approve the May 13, 2021 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting minutes with revisions made adding additional verbiage to commentary in the Public Comment section. Chair Gutierrez seconded the motion. Motion approved 8-0.

COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT:

Council Liaison Kent presented the Council Liaison Report.

Subjects included: Discussion of in person meetings for Council and all Boards and Commissions. Kent also mentioned that council have not made any decisions regarding modifications of requirements associated with E-Bikes.

RECREATION REPORT:

Parks and Recreation Manager Jackson presented the Recreation Report.

Subjects included: Re-Opening the community center and with several programs and events such as Farmers Market first day will be on June 11th, Richland Regatta will begin June 25th, soft opening at the Richland Community Center, hybrid recreation exercise classes are available, Heart Safe/CPR classes will return to the community center, life guard classes and also positions are available for life guards at George Prout pool.

PARKS AND FACILITIES REPORT:

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

Subjects included: All area Parks Board meeting will be scheduled for September, introduction of the new Parks and Public Facilities Project Manager - Ruvim Tyutyunnik.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Parks and Public Facilities Director Schiessl summarized public comment received from a business owner on Fowler near Wye Park. The business owner expressed his concern of homeless issues and criminal behavior of individuals in that area.

Public Comments closed at 6:20 p.m.

PRESENTATIONS:

1. 2020 Park Partnership Program Project Update

The REACH Museum –

Education Program and School Trips Coordinator, Pauline Schafer

Schafer presented the commission with the completed enhancements at the REACH Museum. The REACH requested \$5000 in support from the 2020 Park Partnership Program to construct a new hop trellis and to create interpretive signage for the trellis, ripple trail and trail system.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

1. 2022-2027 Transportation Improvement Program

Public Works Director – Pete Rogalsky

Washington State Law requires the City to prepare a six-year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) each year. The City's TIP is integrated into regional and state Transportation Improvement Program's to assemble an integrated multi-jurisdictional system plan. The TIP's primary functions are to 1) publicly establish the City's transportation system improvement goals for the coming six-year period; and 2)

support management of state and federal funds applied to transportation system improvements. The TIP preparation schedule is dictated by a state-wide schedule of program preparation and adoption and requires that the City adopt its contribution to the TIP, by Council resolution, by July 1st of each year.

The City conducts a very thorough public involvement program each year to support the Council's TIP adoption process. By State regulation, the City is required to conduct one public hearing in its process. The City typically conducts three public meetings during its process, one each at the Planning Commission, Parks and Recreation Commission, and one that is run as a formal public hearing at City Council.

The Parks and Recreation Commission's consideration of the TIP is not mandated by the State or the municipal code. The Commission's duties, as defined in Richland Municipal Code (RMC) Section 2.18.040, guide the Commission's role regarding the TIP. RMC 2.18.040 E speaks to the Commission advising Council by completing a "Review, comment and make recommendations on the annual city long range transportation plan with respect to bicycle lanes, trails and multi-use trails." Staff will be seeking the Commission's recommendation to City Council regarding the bicycle lanes and trail elements presented in the proposed TIP.

The proposed TIP materials are posted on the City's web site at <https://www.ci.richland.wa.us/departments/public-works/traffic-and-streets/transportation-planning>.

Chair Gutierrez moved that the Parks and Recreation Commission recommend that Council approve the 2022-2027 Transportation Improvement Program as proposed by staff. Vice Chair Buelt seconded the motion. Motion approved 8-0.

2. Badger Mountain Park Wall Ball Proposal

Parks and Public Facilities Director, Joe Schiessl

The Richland Lacrosse Club is proposing to donate one or more concrete walls to be used for Lacrosse practice in Badger Mountain Community Park. The Parks and Recreation Commission (PRC) heard the latest proposal from the Club at the May workshop. Diagrams provided the preferred placement locations prior to engaging the public. A master plan revision will return to the PRC for a future recommendation and City Council approval.

Vice Chair Buelt moved to ask staff to amend the Badger Mountain Park Master Plan for the purpose of beginning a public participation process and further review by the Parks and Recreation Commission. Commissioner Slougher seconded the motion. Motion approved 8-0.

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Reviewed by: Joe Schiessl, Parks and Public Facilities Director

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