

04-26-2021 Park Board Minutes

7:00 PM

April 26, 2021

Virtual Meeting

DRAFT MINUTES**BOARD AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL PRESENT***Boardmembers:*

Bradley Book
 Ruben Nieto
 Jonathan Richardson
 Linda Whitworth
 Chris Kovac
 Carl Riess (Absent)
 Jeremy Noble
 Danielle Wolfrom Githens
 Apryle Craig (Absent)
 Marlene Waxse
 Ryan Reamy

Administration/Staff:

Allen Quynn
 Gary Schimek
 Jeff Watling
 Jennifer Fink
 Milissa Ching

CALL TO ORDER

- a) Membership

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a) Minutes of March 22, 2021
 IT WAS MOVED BY BOOK TO:
 Approve the minutes of March 22, 2021.

Approved 6-0

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Connie Marsh, shared her condolences for Board Member Riess. Marsh shared her thoughts on storm water regarding the impacts on habitat. She would like to pose the question: who are we making it better for? Marsh shared her input regarding the armoring projects. She believes we need to stop disrupting the natural flow of the water to save the natural habitats. She would like to see policies created on behalf of Parks that mandates the control of stormwater becomes an asset of the parks. Marsh believes things need to change regarding this whole purview.

REGULAR BUSINESS

- a) **Storm and Surface Water Master Plan Update, (I, D)**

Presented by:

Gary Schimek, Utilities Engineering Manager and Allen Quynn, Senior Stormwater Engineer

Shchimek introduced himself and gave a presentation on the Storm and Surface Water Master Plan Update in tandem with Quynn.

- Overview of the methodology
- Stormwater 101
- Planning and Regulatory Context
- Outcomes and Overview

- Stakeholder Engagement
- Basin Characterization and Issues
- Metrics for Prioritization
- Climate Change & Options

The Board participated in a feedback session:

- New resident resources
- 101 Stormwater videos coming
- Win-win solutions
- Weight heavily upon environment, not at the expense of development
- Proactive
- Emphasize that Parks and PWO work together.

Watling shared his appreciation for the long-view plan to find near term solutions for stormwater. He also touched on land ownership as a priority. Watling pointed out that strategic public investments to do multiple good are key.

b) **Lake Sammamish State Park Trails Plan, (I, D)**

Presented by:

Bill Way, Friends of Lake Sammamish State Park

Way introduced himself, Ms. Adut and Mr. Kappler. He gave a presentation on Lake Sammamish State Park Trails

- Year-round trails
- ADA practicality
- Constraints
- Avoiding costly projects
- Self-mitigate
- Connectivity
- Overview of existing/proposed trails
- Trail Surfaces
- Pedestrian Bridges
- Boardwalks
- Amenities, signage, and donor thanks
- Phases, priorities, and funds

The Board participated in a feedback session:

- Timeline? 30-40 year plan, 10M in estimated costs
- The intent of this trail plan is for it to be a part of the State's master plan
- Fundraising efforts
- Issaquah Parks coordination with LSSP

c) **6-Year Capital Improvement Plan Update, (I, D)**

Presented by:

Jeff Watling, Parks and Community Services Director and Jennifer Fink, Park Planner and Project Administrator

Watling gave an overview of the 6 year CIP

- CIP Facts & Process – not a budget, rather a plan
- Strategic projects prioritization
- Revenue availability, project readiness, staff capacity, Council priorities/adoption
- Funding sources
- Park & Trail Summary

- Tuesday the 27th discussion with Council will begin.

The Board participated in a feedback session:

- Funding allocations
- Project priorities
- Are there specific areas staff want feedback?

REPORTS

a) Chairperson's Report –

- Book extended thanks to all board members for their service.
- Leadership elections in May
- New Board members in May
- May 21, Hillary Franz
- MTS ambassador program

b) Director's Report –

- 2021 Farmers Market Season starts this Saturday.
- Wayfinding public engagement starts this week
- Trail work funding in 2022

c) Youth Report –

- Civic engagement conference
- Food and Book Drive
- Accepting applications for Youth Advisory Board

MAYOR/COUNCIL UPDATES

- Watling working to schedule the Mayor to attend May or June meeting

OTHER BUSINESS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

NONE

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