07-26-2021 Park Board Minutes

7:00 PM
July 26, 2021

Virtual Meeting

DRAFT MINUTES

BOARD AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL PRESENT

Boardmembers:
Bradley Book
Ruben Nieto
Jonathan Richardson
Linda Whitworth (excused)
Chris Kovac
Jeremy Noble (excused)
Danielle Wolfrom Githens
Ryan Reamy
Zack Szablewski
Brenda Spears
Marlene Waxe (Absent)

Administration/Staff:
Jeff Watling
Jennifer Fink
Kirstin Chapman
Milissa Ching
Minnie Dhaliwal
Peter Walters

CALL TO ORDER

a) Membership

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a) Minutes of July 26, 2021
IT WAS MOVED BY BOOK TO:
Approve the minutes of July 26, 2021.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Julian Mydill – Signage item. Question on their scale and if for vehicular traffic or not.

Connie Marsh – Not an easy ask of the Park Board. She shared her tools she uses and also shared things that concern her. SWOT analysis. Take notes and send feedback to parks staff. Feedback on signage was looking at national park signs. Larger trees. How does the plan help get people to businesses? She would like to see the plan serve all purposes. What is the cost?

REGULAR BUSINESS

a) **Introductions – Kirsten Chapman, Park Operations Manager and Peter Walters, Park Ranger (I)**
Presented by: Jeff Watling, Parks and Community Services Director

- Watling provided information about Chapman and Walters to the Board. Chapman came from King County Parks. Walters is the new Park Ranger, a new role with the City of Issaquah. He worked previously with State parks and the City of Issaquah.
- Chapman shared a brief introduction of herself with the Board.
- Walters shared a brief introduction of himself with the Board.

b) **Title 18 City Code Update – Project overview (D)**
Presented by: Minnie Dhaliwal, Community Planning Director

Watling introduced Dhaliwal, Issaquah's new Community Planning Director.

- Dhaliwal walked the Board through the Title 18 City Code
    - Background on the Code
    - Framework for land use
    - What growth management planning does
    - Laws that govern land use
    - Issaquah's adopted goals, policies, and vision
    - Comprehensive Plan and Park Element
    - Parks Strategic Plan
    - Land use goals
    - P Policy A26
    - Central Issaquah Plan
    - Topics and areas being updated that the Park board should provide feedback on
- Minnie opened the floor for Park Board questions and invited them to contact her offline as well.

c) **Blackberry Park – project update (D/A)**
Presented by: Jennifer Fink, Park Planner and Project Administrator

Fink shared a presentation on the Park
- Community engagement input
- Playground concepts
- Current neighborhood survey with most recent design

Watling welcomed questions from the Board and inquired if staff are heading in the right direction for the project.

d) **Wayfinding and City Signage – project update (D/A)**
Presented by: Jennifer Fink, Park Planner and Project Administrator

Fink provided a brief history of the project and provided details for next steps
- Design process
- Community outreach efforts, largest response to date
- 6 Design elements for each of the 4 concepts
- Current proposed design
- Simulations
- Opened to Park board questions

REPORTS

a) Chairperson's Report
- Meetings will not happen in person next month
- Kokanee workgroup meeting
- Climate action meeting. Next meeting in October
- CIP Task force subcommittee. Request for Park Board volunteers.
    - Githens volunteered
    - Nieto volunteered
    - Szablewski volunteered

b) Director's Report
- Watling shared that Board meetings are back to virtual until further notice
- Masks are required in all indoor facilities at the City
- Last COG concert is tomorrow night

- Central Park Pad 3 is now open after installation of new turf

c) Youth Report
- Kudos to Fink on sensory play concepts at Blackberry Park
- YAB meeting with Watling regarding structure and moving forward
- Meeting with Human Services to review their strategic plan

MAYOR/COUNCIL UPDATES

None

OTHER BUSINESS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT – 9:08 PM