



**LAKWOOD PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, January 27, 2015 – 5:30 PM
Lakewood City Hall
Room 1-E**

CALL TO ORDER

Jason Gerwen, chairman, called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm

ATTENDANCE

PRAB Members Present: Jason Gerwen; Vito Iacobazzi; Alan Billingsley; Tanja Scott; Sylvia Allen and Heinz Haskins.

PRAB member Excused: Annessa McClendon

Staff Present: Mary Dodsworth, Director

Council Liaison: Don Anderson

ELECTION OF CHAIR / VICE CHAIR: Jason noted that being the first meeting of the year we must elect a chair and vice chair. Sylvia Alan made a motion to nominate Jason Gerwen as Chair, seconded by Alan Billingsley. MPU. Tanja Scott made a motion to nominate Vito Iacobazzi as Vice Chair, seconded by Heinz Haskins. MPU. Both are willing to serve.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Alan Billingsley moved and Heinz Haskins seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the November 25, 2014, meeting as presented. The motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Bob Saul asked that our meeting agendas be posted to the website in advance of the meetings so citizens can review and decide if they want to attend. Director Dodsworth apologized for the oversight and will work on getting the items properly posted.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

FSP Update: Staff provided an overview of the many different and interrelated issues at Fort Steilacoom Park which included a history of the lease and current work with DSHS; potential lease extensions to support grant applications; reassignment changes between Pierce County and DSHS; property transfer options; boundary line adjustments between Pierce College, City and DSHS; and a variety of defined liabilities that must be addressed (barn structures, lake contamination, water towers and systems, aging infrastructure, sewer issues, cemetery preservation and more). Other issues will be addressed later in the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Park Code Update: Staff provided a handout to address request by Council to review park code relating to airplanes and rockets. Handout included current code, definitions and fines. The board developed a list of things to research and consider which included adding drone definition, safety, access times and areas, improvements to support use, height restrictions, noise, supervision/monitoring, recreational vs commercial use, access to neighborhoods and privacy. They asked for information on other state, county or community rules/laws/fines. A subcommittee of Jason, Alan and Heinz was created to review material to bring back to Board.

Lakewood Legislative Agenda: Council approved a legislative agenda that includes a capital request to build a pedestrian bridge to connect upper and lower Springbrook neighborhoods. Another capital request to support removing the barn (now considered hazardous material) was also being developed.

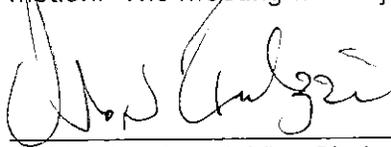
DIRECTORS REPORT: The Directors report included information on the international Cyclocross event at Fort Steilacoom Park, MLK event (rec coordinator Dennis Higashiyama and PRAB member Annessa McClendon are on the planning committee), a new community build playground happening at the YMCA, our Triple Threat Triathlon series, and the Council approved the Chambers Creek Canyon Trial Interlocal Agreement between University Place, Pierce County and the City of Lakewood. Mary brought the gateway construction drawings for the Board to review.

BOARD COMMENTS: Jason mentioned that he attended a follow up meeting of the Visioning Committee and they are making progress.

Sylvia noted that over 400 healthy trees were being removed from the Oakbrook Golf Course with no plan to replace. She wondered why the City didn't require some mitigation due to the loss of community tree canopy and habitat. She was also concerned that the Club offered to remove and pay for removal of any trees on adjacent neighbor property. This may have ecological impacts.

NEXT MEETING: The next PRAB business meeting is scheduled Tuesday, February 24, 2015 at 5:30 pm in room 1E of Lakewood City Hall.

ADJOURNMENT: Heinz Haskins moved to adjourn the meeting and Sylvia Allen seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 6:37 p.m.



Vito Iacobazzi, Vice Chairman



Mary Dodsworth, Director