



**LAKWOOD PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, April 28, 2015 – 5:30 PM
Lakewood City Hall
Council Chambers**

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; Annessa McClendon, Sylvia Allen, Tanja Scott and Heinz Haskins.

Staff Present: Mary Dodsworth, Director

Council Liaison: Don Anderson, Mayor

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Heinz Haskins moved and Alan Billingsley seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the February 24, 2015 meeting as presented. The motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Bob Saul asked when the model airplane subcommittee work would be reported. Director Dodsworth said it would be at a future meeting and she would keep him in the loop and/or he can check the City's website for PRAB agenda.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Gateway Update: Mary shared information on the gateway visioning process and showed the current location of the first gateway sign at the intersection of Bridgeport Way and Pacific Highway. Besides city funding, we have grants from lodging tax and Nisqually Tribe to fund this improvement. After a lengthy bidding process we have secured local contractors to build and install the sign and make area improvements.

USGA Update: Mary provided an update on the 115th annual US Open coming to Chambers Bay Golf Course June 15-21, 2015. Mary provided an overview of transportation, public safety, regional partnerships, economic development and community and business outreach planning efforts. The USGA has leased Fort Steilacoom Park as one of two main parking lots and maps showing vehicle access, dedicated parking areas and screening/access to bus areas were presented. Parking is free and the park will be open to the public during the US Open week.

Public comment: David Forte shared his concerns regarding impacts to the park.

Parks Appreciation Day Recap: The City hosted multiple Park Appreciation Day (PAD) projects at several park sites on April 22. Approximately 200 volunteers donated 756 hours of time/labor to complete projects at six park sites including Fort Steilacoom Park, American Lake Park, Wards Lake Park, Lakewood Community Garden, Springbrook Park and the South Puget Sound Wild Life Area. Each Board member shared their PAD experience.

NEW BUSINESS:

Joint Meeting with Council – the Board will have their annual joint meeting with Council on June 8, 2015 at 7:00 pm. We will share past successes, provide updates on our annual work program and discuss other issues important to the Board and Council. Mary will ask for feedback from Board and add to our next agenda. Tanja asked that we add community processes to the discussion.

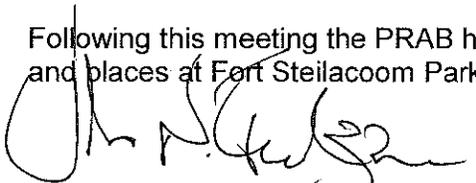
DIRECTORS REPORT: The March – April Directors report included information on the capital projects, Coffee with the Mayor presentation, Harry Todd Docks, Senior Center St. Patrick's Day party, Daddy Daughter Dance and Gateway update. An updated annual calendar was provided.

BOARD COMMENTS: Sylvia shared her role on the Conservation Futures Technical Advisory Board. There are \$7 million in requests and \$2.5 million in funding. She has toured all 15 sites. Tanja asked if the City was going to keep the park areas mowed after the open? Mary noted that although we have received positive feedback on the open spaces, future maintenance will be based on available resources. Tanja noted that she and her neighbors like it wild.

NEXT MEETING: The next PRAB business meeting is scheduled Wednesday, May 27, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. at Lakewood City Hall.

ADJOURNMENT: Jason moved to adjourn the meeting and Sylvia Allen seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

Following this meeting the PRAB hosted a community meeting to chat about gathering spaces and places at Fort Steilacoom Park.



Vito Iacobazzi, Vice Chairman



Mary Dodsworth, Director