



PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

Wednesday, May 27 – 5:30 PM

Lakewood City Hall – Council Chambers

6000 Main Street SW

Lakewood, WA 98499

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CALL TO ORDER

ATTENDANCE/ROLL CALL

APPROVAL of April 28, 2015 MINUTES

PUBLIC COMMENT

NEW BUSINESS

Community Gardens / Urban Agriculture

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Gathering Spaces – Locations / Options

**Code Update – model airplanes in parks
Subcommittee Report**

Joint Meeting with Council – June 8, 2015

DIRECTORS REPORT

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

NEXT PRAB MEETING – June 23, 2015 - 5:30 p.m.

ADJOURN



**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.

Jason Gerwen, Chairman

Mary Dodsworth, Director



To: Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
From: Heidi Ann Wachter, City Attorney
Through: Mary Dodsworth, Director Parks, Recreation & Community Services
Date: May 21, 2015
Subject: Community Gardens, Farmers Markets, and Urban Agriculture

This memorandum is to provide foundation for discussion of Community Gardens, Farmers Markets, and Urban Agriculture which will be included in background for exploring options for best practices for the City. Over the past decade there has been increasing interest in urban agriculture, community gardens and farmer's markets with particular attention to local sustainable and organic food.¹ In many cities programs have been implemented to meet the demand, ranging from specific Code language allowing certain small animals in residential areas to full programs coordinating agriculture, gardens and markets. While there are examples of community gardens, farmers markets and urban agriculture in the City of Lakewood, the adequacy of City regulation and programming has not been comprehensively reviewed.

BACKGROUND

Essentially, the City of Lakewood has absorbed demand for community gardens, farmers markets and urban agriculture in an ad-hoc fashion, with the following administrative results:

	Code Language	Plan or Admin Rule	Program
Community Gardens		x	x
Farmer's Market		x	x
Urban Agriculture	?		

The results of the programs have been very good – an exceptional farmers market and three well-received community gardens. However, without sufficient administrative support such as well-defined regulation, the City has been subject to occasional issues that must be resolved without adequate guidance in the Code. One example is the infrequent chicken coop in a residential neighborhood. Similarly, there is concern for potential disruption in popular programs should an incident arise which has not been adequately addressed in the Code.

¹ It should be noted that the general heading of "urban agriculture" includes the components of community gardens and farmers markets. For purposes of this memo, community gardens and farmers markets will receive individual attention and other aspects of urban agriculture will be addressed under that heading.

1. Urban Agriculture

The City of Lakewood has a code section regarding animals in residential districts which was adopted in 2001. It is under Code Chapter 18A.50, 'Development Standards' and falls in between 'Vehicle Service and Repair Accessory to Residential Uses Vehicle Service and Repair Accessory to Residential Uses' and 'Commercial Uses in the Multifamily 3 Zone within the Lakewood Station District'² This is the sole guidance available for situations involving chicken coops and the like and it was not drafted in the spirit of "urban agriculture":

18A.50.160 - Animals in Residential Districts

A. Peacocks, roosters, turkeys, ostriches, emus, other similar birds, wild, undomesticated or exotic mammals, and cows, sheep, llamas, goats, swine, and other livestock, but excluding horses, shall be prohibited in all zoning districts in the City except AC1 and AC2. Horses and equestrian facilities shall be permitted only as allowed by LMC 18A.30, Zoning Districts.

B. Poultry, pigeons, ducks, and similar birds, and rabbits and similar mammals, except as prohibited in Subsection 18A.50.160.A. above, raised for domestic, noncommercial use shall be permitted as an accessory use to a dwelling unit on any lot, provided:

1. A minimum setback of ten (10) feet from all property lines shall be required for all hutches and twenty (20) feet for all pens, coups, aviaries, similar enclosures, and free-range areas.
2. No more than sixteen (16) poultry, birds or rabbits and similar mammals shall be permitted per acre.
3. Aviaries or lofts shall provide a minimum of one (1) square foot for each pigeon or similar bird and shall not exceed one thousand (1000) square feet.

(Ord. 264 § 1 (part), 2001.)

There is no other Code language, nor any plan or program for urban agriculture in the City of Lakewood and thus, as the trend toward this activity continues, the City will struggle to harmonize how our citizens live with the available administrative support and regulation.

2. Community Gardens

There is no specific code language about community gardens, although there are "community gardens" within the City. These are addressed in the Work Plan of the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department as well as in the Legacy Plan. The City has been involved with community gardens to varying degrees and there are currently three community gardens with sufficient involvement by the City that they might be described as part of a City program:

² LMC 18A.50.155 and 165, respectively.

- First Baptist Church property leased to the City of Lakewood hosts a community garden. This garden was built using a grant from the Clover Park School District and the support of the Pierce Conservation District. Operation of the garden is collaborative, with groups such as the Clover Park Kiwanis Club involved in leadership. The church covers water costs at the garden and the City has added improvements such as a storage shed, bins for composting, artwork and a new gate/entry (which was an Eagle Scout project). There are 37 individual beds and five large communal beds. Individuals can lease their own spot and there are also communal spots which are tended by the service club and volunteers and supports Emergency Food Network and local food banks. This garden has donated over 1,000 pounds of food annually to local food banks. The growing season features monthly classes put on by master gardeners and local experts to help the new gardeners or to just expand knowledge.
- The City hosts a community garden at Springbrook Park featuring a number of raised beds built by the Lions Club. There are five raised beds and three or four more extensions to the current beds are expected this year. There is a neighborhood group who is taking the lead on managing the garden. The Lions Club is continuing to work with Springbrook neighbors who manage that garden. The City is currently paying for the water and provides dirt and wood chips for the beds and garden areas. The Lions club has donated trees and this year will help with a storage shed and tools, as well as doing some education programs with the kids. All the plots are communal and the food grown stays in this neighborhood.
- Tyee Elementary School hosts a children's community garden in conjunction with City of Lakewood after school and summer programs. This garden is a partnership with the City and Clover Park School District. The City has built worm bins and the food grown is eaten at the after school and summer programs as well as going home with some of the children. This garden is enhanced each year during Make a Difference Day.

This list does not include community gardens that operate independent of the City. When a group comes to the City, some assistance is provided to ensure adequate volunteers and infrastructure in place to sustain the garden. The City has specifically assisted some lower income areas (Springbrook and Tyee Park) to get their gardens going. The City has developed a set of garden rules, garden application forms, the "how to get a garden started" model, the First Baptist lease document and a garden tool kit (national document). None of this is codified and issues are generally addressed as they arise.

The Pierce Conservation District is available, through Kristin McIvor (253.363.1846 or KristenM@piercecountycd.org), to work with all community gardens; big and small, public and private. She and her team are willing to facilitate groups, provide free resources (soil and grants for equipment), and help the gardens be successful.

3. Farmers Market

The City coordinates with community partners such as St. Clare Hospital to host a Farmers Market Tuesdays through the summer season. This program is run primarily by the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department without specific Code regulation.

COMMON TERMS

1. Definition of Community Garden.

Community gardens are generally included as part of urban agriculture.³ What distinguishes community gardens from other types of urban agriculture is that “community gardeners grow their produce on shared lots that have been divided into smaller plots of land for each household’s use (usually for a small fee).⁴ This requires a fair amount of organization and coordination.⁵

The Pierce Conservation District takes a broad view of community gardening, including urban, suburban and rural settings growing flowers or food.⁶ The District describes community gardens as “Community-managed open space.”⁷

2. Definition of Farmers Market.

The United States Department of Agriculture Food and Nutrition Service website includes a definition of farmers markets as selling “agricultural products directly to the general public at a fixed location.”⁸ Apparently the definition is not so straightforward. The Farmers Market Coalition Board of Directors developed the following definition, which has stirred some controversy:

A farmers market operates multiple times per year and is organized for the purpose of facilitating personal connections that create mutual benefit for local farmers, shoppers and communities. To fulfill that objective farmers market define the term local, regularly communicate that definition to the public, and implement rules/guidelines of operation that ensure that the farmers market consists principally of farms selling directly to the public products that the farms have produced.⁹

The controversy stems from the practice of some more mainstream retailers, even national grocery store chains, of putting up a tent at a local market and appearing like the other true farmers when the intent of the farmers market is for the direct sale from grower to consumer.¹⁰ It is fair to say that the expectation is that produce purchased at a farmers market is a direct purchase from the farmer.

3. Definition of Urban Agriculture.

Growing plants and raising animals within and around cities meets the general definition of urban agriculture.¹¹ What distinguishes urban from rural agriculture is the integration into the urban environment.¹²

³ Community Gardens, Vanessa N. Lee.

⁴ Id.

⁵ Id.

⁶ Pierce Conservation District website...

⁷ Id.

⁸ United States Department of Agriculture Food and Nutrition Service website...

⁹ Farmers Market Coalition website...

¹⁰ Id, generally.

¹¹ Resource Centres on Urban Agriculture and Food Security website..

¹² Id.

This definition generally covers the typical activities of establishing and using community gardens, farmers markets and community-supported agriculture. As the activity expands, the definition also comes to include “farm-to-school programs, farm-to-restaurant programs, neighborhood supported agriculture (NSAs), animal husbandry inside city limits, green roofs and the gardens they can support, vertical farming, aquaculture, permaculture, urban farms, food policy councils, food charters, agritourism, urban forestry, and on and on.”¹³

OTHER CITIES

The City of Lacey dedicates a chapter of the Lacey Municipal Code to "Urban Agriculture". This code section harmonizes the quality of life and urban design interests of the city with the increasing interest in urban agriculture. This code language addresses both gardening and small farm animals for personal use.

In addition to code language addressing agricultural animals in residential district, the City of Issaquah has committed to supporting community gardens with resources listed in the city's website. This resource ties together the Issaquah Community Garden, the Issaquah Farmer's Market and other resources in support of local sustainable urban agriculture.

In 2010, the City of Olympia adopted a 10 year Parks Plan. During the plan development process, community gardens were identified as an emerging program need that the department embraced. The plan calls for the development of three to six gardens located throughout the community. The City may contract with neighborhood associations and local non-profits to plan, operate, and maintain community gardens on property it manages or owns.

QUESTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION:

1. Does Code language effectively address current activity?
2. Is Code language needed to effectively regulate current activity?
3. Is Code language needed to address potential future activity?

¹³ Id.

Gathering Places and Spaces Meeting Notes

April 28, 2015 ~ 6:30 p.m.

Welcome: PRAB Chair Jason Gerwen welcomed everyone. Marie Barth, welcomed everyone and reminded the group of the good work done in the past by local Services Clubs, especially Rotary Clubs, and hoped all viewpoints would be heard this evening.

Agenda Review and Review of March 24 meeting. Mary Dodsworth reviewed the agenda for the evening and work done at the March meeting. She apologized again for the miscommunication regarding meeting location change last month. Many many phone calls and emails were exchanged to bring those requesting information up to speed. Meeting notes were posted on City website. She then reviewed an issue matrix which was created by past community input. The matrix included issues / concerns / ideas / solutions from the March meeting. She asked if any new issues should be added to the chart. She also reviewed the planning activity that was done by the group which addressed the issues / solutions discussed and how you might site a gathering area, where it could go, what amenities it would need (restrooms and parking) and what the impacts would be to current uses.

Gathering Spaces / Places Review: The group then reviewed 62 different gathering spaces at various places around the country. The focus was on architecture and aesthetics, not size, impact to area, maintenance etc... Individual comments were generated as well as consistent themes regarding what people liked / disliked about each one. A summary follows these notes.

Community Input and Questions:

- Why we are having this conversation. Staff noted that the City has worked with Colonial Center and Town Center owners for several years to develop a community plaza, performance area or meeting space concept in these areas. The owners have not been open to this so we are considering other locations. The Council directed the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board to review creating a gathering space at Fort Steilacoom Park.
- Look for another location in Lakewood
- Not doing anything should be an option we consider
- What activities and events would you do at this “place”? Previous suggestions included weddings, symphony, concerts, presentations, Shakespeare in the park, award ceremonies (after races, walk a thons, etc...), outdoor movies, etc.
- Should function dictate form or would form dictate function?
- The Rotary Club of Lakewood has stated they would be interested in financially supporting this type of project at the park.
- Need to consider cost to operate, maintain, repair and replace. You can't take care of what you have now.
- Locate on slab where barn fell down or corner of Farwest Dr.

Next Meeting – Wednesday, April 27, 2015 at 5:30 p.m.

ADJOURN - 8:20 p.m.

Gathering Spaces / Places Review

Over 60 sites were reviewed. Individual comments were generated as well as consistent themes regarding what people liked / disliked about each one.

LIKE

- Natural landscape / open seating
- Like trees, rocks, bushes, hedges behind it for natural aesthetics / buffer
- Infrastructure is on the inside, lighting, speakers, backdrop should be built in and not put on poles around site.
- Use natural materials
- Use modern materials so it lasts for years.
- Needs a cover – this is Washington – for rain and for sun.
- Have open space to bring your own chairs. Open lawn so you can expand if group grows, like the open terraces for seating.
- Barn like structure
- Audience sits on a natural bowl.
- If there is a view (like a mountain, lake or river) you should see “through it”.
- Multi use / purpose - use for various activities, picnics and special events.
- Should fit into theme or aesthetic of the park / community / northwest
- Needs to be ADA accessible
- some artistic curves
- Design with acoustics in mind – clamshell, roof, backdrop for performance also to avoid noise bleed into neighborhoods.

DISLIKE

- Concern for seasonal use – open stage area (no roof) has limitations (weather)
- Concrete benches / areas are hard to sit on.
- Modern metal structures, metal support structures on poles
- Looks too artsy
- Informal seating, bring your own chairs looks messy, Straight benches vs curve
- Looks like it would generate vandalism
- Hard scape, too much concrete or bricks
- To modern, too much metal, too much concrete,
- Doesn't fit with barns / current structures
- Not attractive, doesn't look finished
- Not multiuse
- Doesn't look like Washington
- Soft tent canopy would generate moss or algae
- Advertising on stage front
- No trees
- No elevation – flat seating
- No sides will allow sound and noise to bleed out
- Don't look like a bus shelter or rest room or Darth Vader or space ship

Code Update – model airplanes in parks

Excerpt from LAKEWOOD PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
February 24, 2015 PRAB meeting minutes

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Park Code Update: City Council directed the PRAB to review Lakewood Municipal Code 8.76.500 referring to model aircraft and rockets to see if accommodation could be made for hobbyists. Director Dodsworth reviewed a memo and back up materials prepared by staff and the city attorney and summarized how the current aircraft use at the park conflicts with our current code and introduced several options to consider. The memo recommended amending the code to allow aircraft in the park with regulation. This would ensure protection of the park and safety of park users.

At the January PRAB meeting the Board developed a list of issues and questions to review when considering alternatives to the code. A PRAB subcommittee will study the issues and questions to determine what regulation or changes should occur. They also agreed that adding representatives from the hobbyist group and parks maintenance would be helpful.

Public comment regarding this issue included: Jerry Dunlap referred to a proposal he presented at a previous meeting and thought the recommendations presented tonight were fantastic. He noted that this type of use was provided at Marymoor Park in King County and provided a website for additional information regarding safety, rules, training, etc. Pete Thomas agreed with the recommendation provided by staff. Ken Shepard liked the memo and recommendations.

PRAB comments included: Sylvia asked that we consider recreational vs commercial use and how we could enforce any new rules. Alan was surprised that the FAA didn't provide better definitions of recreational aircraft. Vito asked if there were any other parks in the system that could support this type of use and appreciated that four options were presented. He asked if the Board had any other options to consider. Sylvia made a motion to approve recommendation 4A in the memo and ask the subcommittee to review this item and bring code and rule change recommendations back to the Board for consideration. Seconded by Alan. The motion passed.



Subcommittee Members Attending:

Jason Gerwen, Heinz Haskins, Scott Williams, Jerry Dunlap, Mary Dodsworth

Purpose of Meeting

City Council directed the PRAB to review Lakewood Municipal Code 8.76.500 referring to model aircraft and rockets to see if accommodation could be made for hobbyists. The Board reviewed information at their February 24, 2015 meeting. The Board selected a subcommittee to do additional research and report back to the group.

Director Dodsworth reviewed the memo provided to the PRAB at their previous meeting, FAA proposed rules, and a proposal prepared by local hobbyists. Based on input from the PRAB an issue matrix was created to look at areas of concern and address impacts and potential solutions.

Issue Matrix: If an area is designated how would this impact the following:

ISSUES	Impact / Solution
Safety	Park Users - awareness of area, first person view, require a spotter, Need signage or flags. Put on a park map and post on website.
	Park Land - parking areas to be defined, can't just drive up to spot, electric devices only, no fuel powered devices
	Vegetation – create no fly zones. Select an area to be used.
	Wildlife - hours of operation, select location to protect wildlife
Distraction to athletes and drivers	Create buffer zone. Do not put near roads or active sports fields. Develop hours of operation to avoid sporting events. Provide education to hobbyists.
Size of use area	3 – 5 acres
Recreational vs Commercial	Recreation and personal use only / education Commercial users need a City of Lakewood Business license
Noise	Follow City code – Re: Decibel Levels and hours
Creates access to other areas: neighborhood areas WSH - Pierce College	Define location to restrict using park to access neighborhood areas WSH - Pierce College.
Hours of Operation	Allow when park is open. Closed at city discretion (when area is needed for other activities / events. Not open during cross country meets and events.
Site Improvements	What amenities are needed to support site. Keep area undeveloped. May need some fencing. All that is needed for a runway is a mowed area. No asphalt runways. Benches and garbage cans are nice for participants.
Supervision / Enforcement	Group can police themselves (self monitoring like at dog park) Call Police/911 if safety issues are occurring. Change code from misdemeanor to infraction to make it easier for police to respond and site.
Cameras – Privacy	Must stay within established area. If they want to use unmanned airplanes for filming, must get special use permit.
Local / state / fed rules	Add to code that all local/state/federal rules must be followed so we don't have to update code if FAA changes rules or if rules change regarding police use, size, height, etc...
Signage / education	Need to educate users and non-users regarding location / rules. Signs are a must! Provide information on website, in Connections newsletter, etc... link to other websites for information/ education.
Battery vs fuel	Electric Only – no fuel
Size / weight of aircraft	Not exceed 15 pounds

Code Change Recommendation: Group recommended the following changes to the Code:

08.76.500 - Model Aircraft and Rockets –

- A. No person shall fly rockets or model radio controlled aircraft in any park area unless in a designated area.

Remove this section from Part IV - RULES GOVERNING USE OF FACILITIES – MISDEMEANORS and add to Part III - RULES GOVERNING USE OF FACILITIES – INFRACTIONS

~~08.76.580 – Misdemeanors~~

~~Any person found guilty of violating any provision of Part IV of this chapter is guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$1,000.00, or by imprisonment in jail for not more than 90 days, or both.~~

08.76.570 - Infractions

The failure to perform any act required or the performance of any act prohibited by Part III of this chapter is a civil infraction, punishable by a fine of no more than \$125.

Definitions: The group did not see a need to change the definitions to add drone or unmanned aircraft systems (UAS).

Administrative rules: A set of rules would be created and posted at the proposed site. This would give the city flexibility to add / remove / change rules based on how the area is being used. Rule suggestions include: electric aircraft only, no nitro or gasoline powered aircraft, flying in designated area only, must operate in a safe manner (no diving towards vehicle, people, animals or buildings), must yield to manned aircraft, must be kept in line of site, must maintain an altitude of less than 500 feet, flying for commercial use must be permitted by the City and a City of Lakewood business license is required, pilots flying in First Person View must have a spotter, and City staff can close area to use at any time.

Location: Group discussed two potential areas: one is overflow parking near the horse barn (A) and the other is the triangle overflow parking area near red barn (B). Both sites provide open space, unobstructed from trees and not regularly programmed space. Site A would be closed more often than B as it is primary overflow parking for large events in shelter, picnic areas, races and soccer fields. Site B is normally used for SummerFEST, Truck and Tractor Day and Cross Country meets.



2015 Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB)

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Council Liaison:

Council Member Don Anderson

Meeting Schedule:

Fourth Tuesday of each month at 5:30-7:00 p.m. in Room 1E

PRAB Significant Accomplishments To-Date: (Last Joint Meeting April, 2014 – Update to April, 2015)

- Lakewood Legacy Plan was approved!
- Hosted an open house to discuss Rotary amphitheater project.
- Hosted an open house to discuss Waughop Lake Management Plan (DOE grant)
- Hosted 13th annual Parks Appreciation Day event at several locations.
- Reviewed the operation of a successful 3rd Farmers Market season.
- Recommended assuming Fort Steilacoom Park State lease from Pierce County.
- Supported Gateway ad hoc committee and provided feedback on the gateway vision and plan options.
- Reviewed and supported the expansion and development of Springbrook Park and Waughop Lake Trail for RCO grant applications.
- Reviewed and recommended approval the USGA proposal to use Fort Steilacoom Park for over-flow parking during the 2015 US Open Golf Tournament.
- Provided PRAB representative to Pierce County Conservation Futures Board to review projects for 2016 funding.
- Reviewed and recommended approval of Chambers Creek Trail interlocal agreement.
- Approved Eagle Scout Project (community garden gate) and Gold Award Project (emergency management mobile trailer meals).
- Discussed issues and impacts of 2015-16 budget reductions / changes citywide.

2015 PRAB Current Work Plan

- Develop a Sponsorship and Advertising Policy for Lakewood PRCS
- Review program and impacts of USGA Open parking at Fort Steilacoom Park.
- Advocate for updated lease or property transfer of Ft Steilacoom Park from the State to the City.
- Review Parks, Recreation and Community Services budget and work program and impacts from organizational changes. Advocate for community needs.
- Advocate for long term funding strategies to sustain Park and Recreation projects and opportunities.
- Support development and expansion of Springbrook Park, Waughop Lake trail and Chambers Creek trail projects. Review site plans created from current master plan documents.
- Review and recommend code changes regarding model aircraft in parks.
- Host community meetings and review concepts for gathering places and spaces at Fort Steilacoom Park. Make a recommendation to Council.
- Support and monitor the Waughop Lake Management Plan (DOE grant)
- Continue to support various partnerships to enhance current and new opportunities (partners for parks, rotary club, Lakewood community foundation, RCO grants, YAF grants, Communities in Schools, etc...).
- Meet and tour Senior Activity Center and review findings from Sr Center relocation study.
- Review current fee structure, pricing philosophy and cost recovery model for parks and recreation.