

City of Lake Forest Park
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
Regular Meeting Summary
17425 Ballinger Way NE – Lake/Forest Room
July 23, 2019

Regular Meeting: Call to Order – 7:00 PM

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Members Present:

Tyler Dittman, Ben Greif, Derek de Bakker, Paula Karlberg, Max Beauter

Others Present:

Residents: Mike Dee

Staff Present:

Cory Roche - Community Volunteer Coordinator

Welcome and Introductions

Review/Approve June Meeting Minutes:

Derek motioned to approve June meeting minutes, Paula second motion, approved unanimously.

Horizon View Updates:

Cory updated the Board on the completion of the re-stripping of the basketball court and re-surface and stripes of the tennis court with the added pickle ball lines. Staff will be looking at the next steps in adding bocce ball courts to Horizon View and Cory will keep the Board updated through the process.

Ben recommended a community work party project the Board could lead installing the bocce ball courts. Cory mentioned she like that idea a lot but would look into the risk and what sort of construction would actually be needed for the project.

The water fountain donated by Northshore Utility District has been installed and is ready for use. It has a water bottle station, normal fountain, and a pet feature.

Park Naming Process for Property along 37th Ave NE & NE 178th St:

Max would like to see the purchase agreement of the park property to see what sort of conditions were set regarding environmental impacts.

Max brought up making it one big park with Pfingst Animal Acres Park.

Derek mentioned the Board should bring this idea of incorporating the new park property to Pfingst Animal Acres Park to Septembers Picnic in the Park.

Ben stated the question of does the City want to add another park as its own in regards to the number of parks the City has or incorporate it to one large park.

Paula stated that since there is no decision/direction at the moment, the Board should still send the survey out and see what the community thinks. The Board agreed, except for Max, who believes that it should all just be one large park as Animal Acres.

Summer 2020 Event Involvement Discussion:

Paula mentioned that Tony stated Planet Fitness might be interested in sponsoring an event and to remember the City does have the Burke Gillman Trail to be use.

The Board talked over community walks, similar to what neighbor Cities are hosting.

Tyler mentioned a collaboration with the Tree Board could happen and they could incorporate trees (education) in the walks. There are quite a few of walkable parks around the Town Center that could be easily incorporated into the walks.

The Board agreed that bringing recreation into the community and community gatherings was a priority of the Board.

Other Business:

The Board discussed their upcoming Work Plan to be due in August. Cory noted edits to be made to be brought back for next meeting.

Paula asked if the King County Parks levy were to be passed, would or does the City know if they will receive any extra funds from this? Cory did not know but would see if there is a way to find out.

Waterfront Access: Ben mentioned the email sent out on the waterfront access a couple months ago, Cory will resend email. Ben said it would be good to take a look at to see if this is something the Board would want to add on the Work Plan or not. There is one spot that seems the most accessible for a bike/run to place along the Burke Gillman Trail. The docs on each side of the strip of City land angle into each other. Tyler said it would be worth spending the time and resources to look into this project. Max stated that there are no parks around the area.

Fun runs: There is common interest on the Board to be involved with an existing run in the City or create a new one before a City event. Paula mentioned Lynwood Elementary school fundraising events. Stated the auction did not do as well as a track walk/fun.

Public Comments:

Mike Dee: Mentioned Horizon View and to keep in mind there is talk of a Veterans Memorial there. Thanks the Board for staying neutral at new park property. Noted he talked with KCD and they didn't think they would fund a previous surface. Resolution 1637 was passed with funds of KCD to purchase to new park property. Stated that there are restrictions to the property and a shelter can go where the garage previously was and that it cannot go over 500 ft and no cutting trees. Mentioned that the City does help fund the Art Council.

Adjourn: 8:01