

# BREMERTON PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

## REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

Minutes of April 23, 2019

**Commissioner's Present:** Tim Baker, Ben Burnette, David Hedger, Pat Watson and Elizabeth Wrenn

**Staff Present:** Jeff Elevado, Department of Parks & Recreation Director  
Colette Berna, Parks Preservation & Development Manager  
Steve Mutek, Park Operations Manager

**I. Meeting Called to Order** at 5:30 p.m. by Chair Baker

**II. Approval of Minutes:**

**A motion was made** to approve the minutes of the March 26, 2019 meeting.  
Burnette/Wrenn (M/S/U)

**III. Public Comment:** N/A

**IV. Business Items:**

**1) Evergreen Rotary Park Project**

**Director Elevado** provided an overview of accessibility upgrades funded by the Community Development Block Grant which will include: new paving in parking lot drop-off area which is currently uplifted by tree roots from diseased tree; renovated tops and seats on aging, warped picnic tables; installing a catch basin to divert runoff from pathways; and upgrades to non-accessible restroom fixtures and replacement of corroded water line. Replacement of the picnic tables tops/seats and installation of new water line is expected to start in May.

**2) Parks, Recreation and Open Space (PROS) Comprehensive Plan**

**Ms. Berna** presented draft slides illustrating key findings from survey results generated from 365 responses. Commissioners discussed survey results and provided comments on slides. A revised PowerPoint will be presented at the May 21<sup>st</sup> public meeting. It was noted that disc golf players and climbing wall advocates were well represented in the survey while Senior Center users and basketball/softball players were not. The survey results, along with the Inventory chapter which identifies management issues and improvement recommendations for each park/facility, will be available for the community to review online prior to the May 21<sup>st</sup> public meeting. The purpose of the public meeting is to share the survey results, review the Inventory chapter, and explain why we update our PROS plan to stay eligible for grants and provide a roadmap for the next 6 years. The May 21<sup>st</sup> public meeting will take the place of the regularly scheduled P&R Commission meeting.

**V. Staff Reports:**

**1) Kitsap Lake Park Project - Director Elevado** shared that the Boating Facilities Program grant application ranked 7<sup>th</sup> in the state and is expected to be fully funded. Both grants combined total more than \$994k and will fund a new boat launch, fishing dock, ADA upgrades to restroom, modular wetland, pathways, and picnic shelter.

**2) Special Events - Director Elevado** shared that there are about a dozen special events scheduled this year which require additional resources including staff time from multiple departments including parks, police, fire, and community development. The Bridge Blast

event will be held on June 29<sup>th</sup> this year (Saturday before 4<sup>th</sup> of July) and will be expanded to include a concert at Evergreen Rotary Park, a carnival on Pacific Ave., and a longer air show with more planes. The vendors will be parked at Evergreen Rotary Park and public parking for the event will be held off-site at Olympic College. Other popular special events include the Brew Fest scheduled on a Friday and Saturday in July, the Kitsap Harbor Festival at the Boardwalk, Kitsap Wine Festival at Harborside Fountain Park, Kitsap Pacific Islander Festival at Pendergast Regional Park, Bremerton Blackberry Festival and Wayzgoose Arts Festival held at the Boardwalk and downtown, Manette Fest, and a new food truck bridge-to-bridge fun run starting/ending at Evergreen Rotary Park. **Mr. Mutek** noted that access to the Boardwalk is going to be a challenge this year due to Marina Square construction and **Commissioner Watson** asked if Quincy Square is going to start before Marina Square is finished. After the meeting it was confirmed that if Quincy Square secures construction funds this fall it is expected to begin construction Summer 2020 and Marina Square is expected to be under construction until 2021.

- 3) **Kiwanis Park Arbor/Earth Day Celebration** – **Director Elevado** shared that a tree planting will be held on Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at 10 am with help from the Kiwanis Club and Union Hill neighborhood. Bremerton is celebrating its 23<sup>rd</sup> year as a Tree City USA member.

#### **VI. Commissioner's Comments:**

**Commissioner Hedger** thanked all the Commissioners for attending the Manette Park dedication and noted how much the park is being used and how the demographics of that neighborhood is changing with more young families.

#### **VII. Adjournment: Chair Baker** adjourned the meeting at 6:37 pm.