

**BREMERTON PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION**  
**REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING**

Minutes of February 22, 2022

Virtual Meeting

**Commissioner's Present:** Ben Burnette, Pat Watson, Maggie Williams and Paul Dutky

**Staff Present:** Jeff Elevado, Director of Parks and Recreation  
Colette Berna, Park Preservation and Development Manager  
Steve Mutek, Park Operation Manager

- I. **Meeting Called to Order** at 5:33 p.m. by Chair Burnette
- II. **Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made to approve the minutes from the December 7<sup>th</sup> and January 25<sup>th</sup> meeting. Williams/Watson(M/S/U)
- III. **Public Comment:** N/A
- IV. **Business Items:**
  1. **American World War II Heritage City Designation**  
**Director Elevado** shared information on American World War II City Designation application and that staff are working on putting together a committee of knowledgeable people in the community that can help with application due in March; and if that deadline isn't feasible, next year.
  2. **Olympic Soccer & Sports Center Notice of Pending Sale**  
**Director Elevado** shared background on Pendergast Regional Park which was developed in 1995 but did not fully build out master plan. In 2001 the City was approached by Olympic Soccer & Sports Center to develop, construct, and operate an athletic facility within boundaries of park. **Dennis Michael of OSSC** and **Tim Duffy of Bremerton Sports Center** both commented on pending sale and appreciation for City's ongoing partnership. **A motion was made to** move to recommend City Council approve the Second Amendment to the Concession Agreement between City of Bremerton and Olympic Soccer & Sports Center, LLC adding an additional 10-year renewal option and assigning the concession agreement to Bremerton Sports Center. Burnette/Dutky(M/S/U)
  3. **Pendergast Perimeter Trail Concept (Commissioner Dutky)**  
**Commissioner Dutky** shared slides of examples of trail connections from residential developments into city parks, illustrating what could be done at Pendergast Regional Park.
- V. **Staff Reports & Updates:**
  - 1) **Kitsap Lake Park Project Update**  
**Ms. Berna** shared that 100% Construction Documents are near complete, however we are awaiting Army Corps of Engineers Permit (which was applied for in December 2020) before going out to bid. A heron survey was conducted last month to confirm whether or not a nesting colony existed in the wetland within 656' of the park (a WA. Dept. of Fish & Wildlife buffer). This was a concern by both WDFW and the Suquamish Tribe. Had one been found it

would have limited construction to a 6-week window (which would have been very challenging) to not disturb herons during nesting season.

**2) Pendergast Soccer Field Project**

**Director Elevado and Ms. Berna** shared that a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) will be advertised to select a consultant to perform the surveying/engineering for converting the dirt soccer fields into artificial turf and locating a new restroom and accessible pathways. This project is being funded by a 49k Department of Commerce grant.

**3) Haddon Park Improvement Project**

**Director Elevado and Ms. Berna** shared that a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) will be advertised to select a consultant to perform the topographic survey, civil, structural, and geotechnical engineering services for the Haddon Park Renovation project. This project is being funded by a 850k Recreation & Conservation grant and a 132k Community Development Block grant.

**4) Additional Project and Program Updates**

- **Kiwanis Park Playground Accessibility Project** – Staff are working with playground vendors to develop concepts to enhance accessibility of playground funded by 100k Kiwanis Club donation. Due to expense of playground unitary safety surfacing (like Evergreen’s playground) staff applied for a 162k Dept. of Commerce grant to supplement this donation.
- **Playground Program Grant** – A 25k grant was awarded which will allow a 4<sup>th</sup> site (Warren Ave. Park) to be added to this summer’s playground program.

**VI. Commissioner’s Comments:**

**Commissioner Watson** shared that popularity of Manette Park sports court by pickleball players has created parking issues in neighborhood and that it’s hard to find a time to play as groups set up in morning. He asked whether scheduling the court was under consideration. **Director Elevado** said that scheduling is an option, but it would be difficult to enforce and that he is hopeful that once Lions Park pickleball courts are lined that it will ease the pressure off of Manette’s neighborhood park.

**Commissioner Dutky** asked about bike racks proposed at Harborside Fountain Park. **Director Elevado** said that staff are working on getting these purchased and installed.

**VII. Adjournment: Chair Burnette** adjourned meeting at 6:44 pm.