

BREMERTON PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

Minutes of January 22, 2019

Commissioner's Present: Tim Baker, Ben Burnette, David Hedger, Maggie Williams and Pat Watson

Staff Present: Jeff Elevado, Department of Parks & Recreation Director
Colette Berna, Parks Preservation & Development Manager
Steve Mutek, Parks Operation 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 December 18, 2018 meeting. Hedger/Burnette (M/S/U)

III. Public Comment: N/A

IV. Business Items:

1) Parks, Recreation and Open Space Comprehensive Plan Update

Ms. Berna began discussion on review of revised inventory chapter which has been updated over the last several months by city staff. Commissioners were given a hardcopy to review and asked to provide comments/questions through email and/or at February meeting. **Director Elevado** shared that survey was advertised through email blasts, Facebook page, city's website, and laminated flyers in parks.

2) Pendergast Regional Park - Kitsap Public Facilities District (KPF) Update

Director Elevado shared status of the KPF grant which involved a presentation and submitting a paper application last month. The application proposes applying the initial park development (Phase 1) towards the scope to reach the 10 million dollar threshold needed to apply. Phase 1 development equates to about \$5 million today and Phase 2 is approximately \$5-6 million. Phase 2 elements include turfing the soccer fields with new fencing and drainage, installing a new restroom near the soccer fields, overlaying the 470-stall parking lot, renovating the concession/restroom building, and installing new play equipment. There is also the potential for a climbing wall on the hillside behind the concession building which would be funded by the Kitsap Mountaineers. The long-range plan identifies a 3rd Phase which includes an addition of one ball field, relocation of the dog park, and turfing all four ball fields.

An economic impact analysis is currently being developed by Berk Consulting (funded by Mayor's budget) to determine the economic benefit of a high-quality, year-round sports complex in Bremerton. Berk's early analysis indicates that the City would generate enough revenue (through rental fees) to pay for the operation and maintenance of the facility and pay back the 1 million dollar debt service. In addition it's estimated that upwards of 4 million dollars of revenue would be brought into the community. A full report will be completed prior to the second KPF presentation scheduled in March.

3) 2018 Year in Review/2019 Goals

Director Elevado invited Commissioners to share priorities and goals for 2019. Proposed bike corridors/trail connections were discussed including Navy Yard City View Point (County) Park, East High School Campus to Sylvan Way Library, Sinclair Inlet Trail, and NAD Marine to Jackson Park. **Director Elevado** shared recent meeting with residents that live near city property on Olympus Drive that would like it to be a park which is being looked at as a possibility.

V. Staff Reports:

- 1) **Daddy Daughter Dance** is on February 2nd at the Elks Club. This is a great event (approx. 400 people) and this year there is also a dinner option.
- 2) **Manette Park Improvement Project Update** – The picnic shelter was just completed. Remaining items include installing picnic tables, planting trees and shrubs, installing interpretive sign, and engraving the remaining bricks. The grand opening will be held on Saturday, April 20th at 10 am to coincide with the Easter Egg Hunt.
- 3) **Warren Avenue Playfield** – Awaiting \$850k in state grants to be approved by Legislature. Preliminary design is underway so that when grants get approved we can hit the ground running and be ready to go out to bid at the end of the year. Coordinating with Public Works to install sidewalk and curb ramps at 9th/Broadway. **Director Elevado** added that the city's lobbyist offered to put in a legislative ask to help with the project. Requests were also submitted for Pendergast Park and a study for the Olympus Drive/Maintenance building.
- 4) **Kitsap Lake Update**
Director Elevado shared that results for the water quality grant applications (applied for by the Water Resources Department) should be announced in late February. The Parks & Recreation Department applied for an RCO Aquatic Land Enhancement Account grant to improve the park and replace the fishing dock and ranked 2nd in the state. The presentation for the RCO Boating Facility Program grant to replace the boat launch is scheduled in February. Both grants total \$994,400.

VI. Commissioner's Comments:

Commissioner Hedger mentioned that the Kitsap Community Foundation (KCF) has an additional \$1,400 for Manette Park and asked if the P&R Department should set up a pass-through account with KCF for the upcoming capital projects that need donations. **Director Elevado** said he would look into this option.

Commissioner Watson noted there was a lot of new information in the PROS Inventory chapter.

Vice Chair Burnette inquired about the status of the cell phone tower at Forest Ridge Park. **Director Elevado** said they are waiting for the final design to be approved.

VII. Adjournment: Chair Baker adjourned the meeting at 6:31 pm.