

BREMERTON PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

Minutes of March 25th, 2025

Hybrid Meeting: In person at Sheridan Park Community Center with the option to “zoom in.”

Commissioner’s Present: Ben Burnette, Jim McDonald, Katherine Weigel, Greg Dawson, Ken Riley (remote)

Staff Present: Tim Barker, Director of Parks & Recreation
Brian Hauschel, Parks Operation Manager
Colette Berna, Parks Preservation & Development Manager

- I. Meeting Called to Order** at 5:30 p.m. by Chair Burnette.
- II. Approval of the February 25th, 2025 Meeting Minutes.** Dawson/Weigel (M/S/U).
- III. Approval of Agenda.** McDonald/Weigel (M/S/U).
- IV. Public Comment:** N/A
- V. Staff Reports & Updates:**
 - Parks Maintenance and Operations Activities – Brian Hauschel** shared updates on water leak and irrigation repairs at Blueberry Park, spring field operations to prepare athletic fields for play, the seasonal hiring process, and the Golf Course's driving range pad being poured.
 - 1. Haddon Park Renovation – Colette Berna** shared the progress of Haddon Park, which includes a playground community-build day scheduled for Saturday, April 19th, starting at 9 am. Bremerton NJROTC and potentially some military from Navy Hospital will be joining.
 - 2. Kitsap Lake Park Renovation – Colette Berna** shared the progress of Kitsap Lake Park, which includes the removal of ivy and the planting of native plants on the bank, as well as the contractor completing punch list items.
 - 3. Team Bremerton – Tim Barker** shared information about a group formed by volunteers and business owners who could be affected by the events tied to the city's designation as a Fan Zone for the FIFA World Cup 2026. The group is in its early stages of planning and development and will assist others with pulling together funding and resources to create a festive atmosphere in the community throughout the entire World Cup, which will last from mid-June to mid-to-late-July in 2026.
 - 4. WRPA Regional Meeting – Tim Barker** shared that he and three other staff members attended a quarterly regional meeting for the SW region of the Washington Recreation and Parks Association. The association is a member organization that provides educational training and networking opportunities for parks and recreation professionals throughout the state of Washington. The department has eight staff members who are members of the association and have opportunities to participate in both free and fee-based training and activities.
- VI. New Business:**

1. **PROS Plan Survey Update – Director Barker** shared that nearly 700 responses have been received so far, which started on February 12th. We have partnered with the Bremerton School District, Kiwanis Club, Lions Club, City Council, Senior Center, West Sound Pickleball Club, BKAT and many others to promote the survey. The survey will be live until April 30th.
2. **PROS Plan Review & Neighborhood/Pocket Park Inventory – Tim Barker** shared Inventory pages for Neighborhood and Pocket Parks from the previous PROS Plan and updated edits for Commissioners to review and comment. Staff conduct weekly site visits to update inventories, maintenance concerns, and improvement recommendations. The review for April will include Natural Areas, Plazas, Streetscapes, Greenways, Trails, Recreation, and Special Use Facilities.

VII. Commissioner's Comments:

Commissioner Riley inquired whether the Sheridan Park Community Center is available for rental, anticipating that there will be increased demand while the elementary schools are being rebuilt.

IX. Adjournment: Chair Burnette adjourned the meeting at 7:52 p.m.