

BREMERTON PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

Minutes of April 22nd, 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, Amy Waterman (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 March 25th, 2025 Meeting Minutes. Burnette/Dawson (M/S/U).**
- III. Approval of Agenda. Dawson/Burnette (M/S/U).**
- IV. Public Comment: N/A**
- V. Staff Reports & Updates:**
 - 1. Haddon Park Renovation – Colette Berna** shared the progress of Haddon Park, which included a playground community-build day on Saturday, April 19th which had a total of 25 volunteers. Parks Crew will complete the playground next week, and then playground chips can be blown-in or hauled depending on the remaining budget. The contractor is completing items now that the restroom is installed, and staff are working with an irrigation contractor to complete their work and PSE to complete the drop-down service. Shade trees are being selected and will be planted next month along with new park signage and an interpretive sign illustrating the history of the site is being developed. The park is expected to be open by the end of June and a ribbon cutting ceremony will be held this summer.
 - 2. Kitsap Lake Park Renovation – Colette Berna** shared Kitsap Lake Park's progress, including striping the parking lot. Once this is done, the lower section of the park will be open for boating and fishing. The upland will still need to be irrigated, and playground selection will occur later this year. The playground will be funded by a 311k Department of Commerce grant which was approved, and we are expecting to receive this summer.
 - 3. Recognition of Bremerton Parks Foundation for Donations– Tim Barker** shared that the Bremerton Parks Foundation devoted funds for both current park renovations (Haddon Park and Kitsap Lake Park) totaling \$16,500.
- VI. New Business:**
 - 1. PROS Plan Survey Update – Director Barker** shared that nearly 800 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/Plazas/Greenways Inventory – Tim Barker** shared Inventory pages for Neighborhood/Pocket Parks/Plazas/Greenways 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 May will include Natural Areas, Plazas, Streetscapes, Greenways, Trails, Recreation, and Special Use Facilities.

VII. Commissioner’s Comments:

Commissioner MacDonald noted it’s Earth Day, sharing Emerson quote, “We do not inherit the earth from our ancestors; we borrow it from our children.”

IX. Adjournment: Chair Burnette adjourned the meeting at 7:14 p.m.