

BREMERTON PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

Minutes of May 27th, 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, Ken Riley (remote)

Excused Absence: Greg Dawson, Amy Waterman

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

- I. Meeting Called to Order** at 5:33 p.m. by Chair Burnette.
- II. Approval of the April 22, 2025 Meeting Minutes. Burnette/Weigel (M/S/U).**
- III. Approval of Agenda. McDonald/Burnette (M/S/U).**
- IV. Public Comment:** Jim Cline, President of Charleston Business District thanked Department for pots and hanging baskets and asked for timing of additional pots (being stored at Oyster Bay), recommendations for removing weeds between sidewalk cracks and proposed long-term use as a Festival Street.
- V. Staff Reports & Updates:**
 - 1. Highlights & Hurdle Video - Tim Barker** attempted to share video but ran into technology issues.
 - 2. Haddon Park Renovation – Colette Berna and Brian Hauschel** shared the progress of Haddon Park. Staff are working with PSE to complete the drop-down service, the irrigation contractor to complete their work, and the installation of the playground safety surfacing. Shade trees are being selected and will be planted next month along with installing site furniture (trash receptacles and tables), 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.
 - 3. Kitsap Lake Park Renovation – Colette Berna and Brian Hauschel** shared Kitsap Lake Park's progress, which is open for boating and fishing. Staff will install new signage and site furniture soon. The upland will still need to be irrigated, and playground selection will occur later this year. The playground will be funded by a 321k Department of Commerce grant which was approved, and we are expecting to receive this summer.
- VI. New Business:**
 - 1. PROS Plan Inventory Review - Plazas/Streetscapes & Greenways/Facilities Inventory – Tim Barker** shared Inventory pages for Plazas/Streetscapes & Greenways, and Special Facilities 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 June will include the remaining Special Use Facilities (Ivy Green Cemetery, Gold Mountain Golf Course, and Jarstad Park).

2. **PROS Plan Survey Results – Director Barker** shared that 900 responses were received, and the survey closed in early May. Included in the handouts for the commissioners were graphs and summaries of the answers to the questions asked within the survey. The commission will discuss the results further in June once additional summaries are created which will include the public comments received.

VII. Commissioner's Comments:

Commissioner McDonald told funny story about planting trees on Earth Day and expressed regret for getting ahead of planning process regarding his desire to plant a grove of cherry trees at Evergreen Rotary Park.

- IX. **Adjournment: Chair Burnette** adjourned the meeting at 7:38 p.m.