



CITY OF RIDGEFIELD, WASHINGTON

Parks Board MEETING MINUTES

December 8, 2021

Regular Meeting - 6:30 PM

GENERAL SESSION CALL TO ORDER - 6:30 PM - [6:30 PM](#)

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Rian Davis	Board Member	Absent	
Sandy Schill	Board Member	Present	
Bruce Carpenter	Board Member	Excused	
Jake Bredstrand	Board Member	Present	
Marie Bouvier	Board Member	Present	
Beth Bicknell	Board Member	Present	
Kimberly Stenbak	Chairman	Present	

MOTION: BOARD MEMBER BOUVIER MOVED TO EXCUSE BRUCE CARPENTER FROM THE MEETING.

SECOND: BOARD MEMBER SCHILL.

Vote - all ayes

vote - no nays

Motion passed

LATE CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

Move Water Feature Concept, under Old Business, to after the Oath of Office. Move Kemper Grove Phase 5 Park Naming and Design Update, under New Business, to after the Consent Agenda.

4. Oath of Office: Jake Bredstrand - [6:34 PM](#)

The Oath of Office was administered to Jake Bredstrand.

PUBLIC COMMENT - [7:20 PM](#)

Councilor Ron Onslow expressed his appreciation to Board Member Marie Bouvier and Chair Stenbak for their outstanding service and leadership on the Parks Board. Marie joined the Board in 2004 and Kim joined in 2015. He invited them to attend the next city council meeting for a formal recognition and farewell.

Email from resident Irfan Shaik requesting tennis courts be added to the Ridgefield Outdoor Recreation Center.

Email from resident Judith Reel recommending the recreation and parks department, school district and other key stakeholders form a committee to establish a recreation program for the community similar to City of Vancouver.

CONSENT AGENDA - [7:25 PM](#)

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES FOR THE OCTOBER 13, 2021 MEETING AND REFLECT BRUCE CARPENTER'S DEPARTURE 7:45 PM.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Sandy Schill, Board Member
SECONDER:	Jake Bredstrand, Board Member
AYES:	Schill, Bredstrand, Bouvier, Bicknell, Stenbak
EXCUSED:	Davis, Carpenter

1. Approval of Minutes from Wednesday, 10/13/21 Meeting

MEMBER REPORT - [6:35 PM](#)

None

OLD BUSINESS - [6:35 PM](#)

1. Water Feature Concepts, Public Works Director Bryan Kast

Public Works Director, Bryan Kast, presented two splash pad design concepts. Both function on recycled water with treatment facilities buried in vaults. The site location is west of Overlook Park, covering approximately 3000sf. The Department of Health requires a restroom within 100' of the water feature. Both concepts meet these criteria. Concept 1 focuses on the region's water cycle. It has two large circles on each end representing nearby volcanoes, Mt. St. Helens, and Mt. Adams. The center circle has cascade jets that resemble a volcanic eruption when activated. Concept 2 focuses on the illusion of Lake River. It starts at the south end, winds its way to the north side and incorporates elements of the wildlife refuge along the way. Each concept showcases terraced, natural rock and picnic style seating, activity lawns, landscape beds, pathways that are ADA compliant, an existing elevated stage, interpretive art panels, outdoor shower, etc. Nikki Duke of Hinton Development expressed concern about the sharp-pointed tips on the cat tails in the concept 2. After much discussion, the Board's preference resides with the first concept. They would like artistic interpretive art panels, LED lights to include glass covers or globes for off season ambiance, berms, activity lawn, rock seating that has a flat surface on top and natural formation on the sides. They also asked that the final concept be shared with the public. Next step: Public Works Director, Bryan Kast, will take their input to Council and bring information back to the Board as the design is being refined.

NEW BUSINESS - [7:28 PM](#)

1. 2022 Work Plan, Board Chair Kimberly Stenbak - [7:38 PM](#)

Chair Stenbak walked through the 2022 Work Plan with the Board, made some edits to the document and will place a final version in OneDrive.

2. Kemper Grove Phase 5 Park Naming and Design Updates, Public Works Director Bryan Kast - [7:28 PM](#)

Nikki Duke with Hinton Development asked the Board to consider renaming Kemper Grove Park to DeMelo Park in honor of their Project Manager, Joe Melo, who worked for them for over 20 years and designed several neighborhoods in Ridgefield. Sadly, he passed away in September of COVID. The revised concepts reflects his past as a dairy farmer, his love for animals, and passion for music.

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE REVISIONS TO THE KEMPER GROVE PARK AND RENAME IT DEMELO PARK.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Sandy Schill, Board Member
SECONDER:	Kimberly Stenbak, Chairman
AYES:	Schill, Bredstrand, Bouvier, Bicknell, Stenbak
ABSENT:	Davis
EXCUSED:	Carpenter

PUBLIC COMMENT - [7:55 PM](#)

None

STAFF REPORTS - [7:56 PM](#)

Public Works Update

Public Works Director, Bryan Kast, thanked Chair Stenbak and Board Member Bouvier for their years of service on this advisory board. He echoed Councilor Onslow' sentiments regarding their outstanding work and leadership and invited them to the next Council meeting for formal recognition.

FROM THE BOARD - [7:58 PM](#)

Board Member Updates

Board Member Schill expressed her appreciation to Chair Stenbak and fellow member Bouvier for their outstanding leadership and service on this Board and hopes to follow in their footsteps through her years of service. She attended the tree lighting event at Overlook Park and asked if the city could provide a more robust sound system as it's difficult to hear with the current system.

Board Member Bouvier asked the Board to consider doing an Innovative Parks presentation that incorporates golf practice drives in city parks.

Board Member Bredstrand thanked everyone for their warm welcome and is excited to be a member of this Board.

Council Update

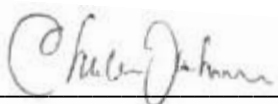
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Requests from the Board for Upcoming Meetings

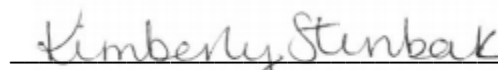
Chair Stenbak mentioned that Board Member Davis plans to do presentation on scheduling and enhancements at Ridgefields Outdoor Recreation Center from the baseball community. And, Board Member Carpenter plans to do a Pickle Ball presentation in January.

Sandy echoed the need to better identify the seating/seating sections at RORC.

ADJOURN - [8:08 PM](#)



Chalea Johnston, PW Administrative Assistant



Kimberly Stenbak, Chair