



CITY OF RIDGEFIELD, WASHINGTON

Parks Board MEETING MINUTES

August 11, 2021

Regular Meeting - 7:30 PM

GENERAL SESSION CALL TO ORDER - 6:30 PM - [7:45 PM](#)

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Rian Davis	Board Member	Present	
Sandy Schill	Board Member	Present	
Beth Bicknell	Board Member	Excused	
Kimberly Stenbak	Board Chair	Present	
John Rose	Board Member	Present	
Marie Bouvier	Board Member	Excused	

MOTION TO EXCUSE BOARD MEMBERS BETH BICKNELL AND MARIE BOUVIER FROM THE MEETING

MOVER: John Rose

SECOND: Sandy Schill

Vote - all ayes

Vote - no nays

Motion Passed

LATE CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

No late changes

PUBLIC COMMENT - [7:48 PM](#)

Resident, Sarah Scott expressed interest in assisting with the stage renovation at Abrams Park and recommended some fun events ideas. She was happy to see Orienteering during National Night Out and would like further information. If the Eagle Scouts help with this project, she would be happy to provide additional input.

Resident, Bruce Carpenter would like to see Pickleball offered in public parks and provided information to the Board.

Resident, Andrea would like a trail developed near the Cedar Ridge and Ridgefield Heights neighborhoods. This would allow people to walk west towards downtown Ridgefield and east towards Rosauers.

CONSENT AGENDA - [7:53 PM](#)

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES AS PRESENTED.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Rian Davis, Board Member
SECONDER:	John Rose, Board Member
AYES:	Davis, Schill, Stenbak, Rose
EXCUSED:	Bicknell, Bouvier

1. Approval of Minutes from Wednesday, 7/14/21 Meeting

MEMBER REPORT - [7:54 PM](#)

None

OLD BUSINESS - [7:53 PM](#)

1. Nature Play Update/Next Steps, Public Works Director Bryan Kast

Public Works Director, Bryan Kast, said the volunteer event was a big success. About 40 people helped out. They completed the SE corner which is geared towards the children's section. They installed a gravel pit, dry creek bed, balance logs, bark, etc. The children sorted river rock between small and large sizes, striped bark off logs and helped decide where they should be placed. Large boulders will be done at a separate time. Bryan will work on obtaining materials prior to the next volunteer day. Overall, this project took about three hours and there was a lot of excitement towards a second phase before the weather sets in.

2. Refuge Park Outreach Event, Chair Kimberly Stenbak

Chair Stenbak was pleased with the turnout. Several people, including kids from local neighborhoods, stopped in and provided great input. Rally the Raptor was there for fun photo ops. Holding this event at the Refuge Park was nice because people could visualize the space. Due to concerns about wildlife and deer in the area every morning, it was suggested to put up Deer Crossing signs. Public Works Director, Bryan Kast, said the City is in the process of hiring a landscape architect to assist with master planning of the Refuge Park and Horns Corner Community Park.

NEW BUSINESS - [8:07 PM](#)

1. Greely Farms City Park, Public Works Director Bryan Kast

Public Works Director, Bryan Kast, spoke about the City's discussions with Holt Group, the developer of the Greely Farms Park which is located in the Greely Farms Subdivision. This is a large neighborhood consisting of approximately 275 homes. He provided a layout of the proposed design and park amenities to include bocce ball, community gardens, dog waste stations, trails, community barn gathering areas, etc. The large active areas such as trails and play sections towards the center and north part of the park will be constructed with future phases. The Board liked the overall proposal, architecturally, it's appealing. A suggestion was made to modify the Covered Patio w/Shelter by adding a pitch on the opposite side, giving additional storage on each end of the building with a pitched middle section for seating. The Community Gathering Structure has a covered porch, the overall dimensions are about 24x22 (slightly smaller than Bennett Hall) is undercover and semi-enclosed. The Board would prefer an open concept around the parameter verses semi-enclosed. They discussed logistics such as parking, reservation system, equipment for botchy ball, etc. Staff will share their suggestions with the developer and provide updates as they have more information.

2. Experience Ridgefield Out Reach Event, Chair Kimberly Stenbak

Chair Stenbak asked if there was interest in participating in Experience Ridgefield on September 11, 2021. The purpose is to meet and greet and share past and current projects by the Board. These outreach events are great opportunities to engage with the community and gather input. Staff will follow up with Board Members on availability. If not enough, the Board will revisit this next year.

PUBLIC COMMENT - [8:35 PM](#)

Jared Dusha PE with Holt Group, the developer of Greely Farms Park, thanked the Board for reviewing the different options and revisions from the 2020 proposal to the current proposal. They are seeking Board input due to revisions to the approved grading plans. In the developers agreement, they reclaimed as much barn wood as possible. Some revisions to the sheltered areas represent what they envisioned as a NW represented style with

reclaimed wood. There are two identical 12x20 barn structures that almost look like a covered bridge. This structure allows for multiple picnic tables and gatherings with an open parameter for safety considerations. These plans have been submitted through permitting for review and approval. They can provide additional details to the Board if needed. Ultimately, the proposal is for 8 acres of City park space. The current focus is 2.5 acres with picnic and play structures. They are actively under construction of phase II and working towards completion by the end of this year.

STAFF REPORTS - [8:43 PM](#)

Public Works Update

Public Works Director, Bryan Kast, expressed appreciation to the Lions Club on their park improvements at Abrams Park in anticipation of the Sausage Festival this coming weekend. They washed and painted the stage, did gravel work, added bark, pulled weeds and spruced up the parking lot.

FROM THE BOARD - [8:38 PM](#)

Board Member Updates

Chair Stenbak - Rachel Coker, formerly a Parks Board Member, was recently appointed to City Council. Many congratulations to her. Councilwoman Coker attended National Night Out and volunteered at the Orienteering booth. She appreciated the involvement of staff, volunteers and Boy Scouts. The Boy Scouts really had it dialed in. There was a lot of good input during this event. Her children and their friends tried Orienteering. It took about 20 minutes to complete and was a positive experience.

Board Member Schill attended the Nature Park Volunteer day. She walked the trail near the Acero Apartments and suggested using it as an exercise trail with workout stations along the way. She will look into this further and bring suggestions back to the Board.

Board Member Rose attended the same events and noted it was good to be meeting in person again.

Council Update

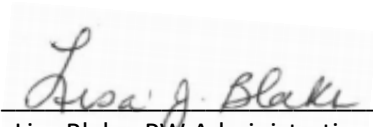
Public Works Director, Bryan Kast, said the City is tentatively planning a joint Parks Board/Council/Planning Commission tour this fall.

Chair Stenbak said there would be an update to Council after discussing the 2022 Parks Board Work Plan.

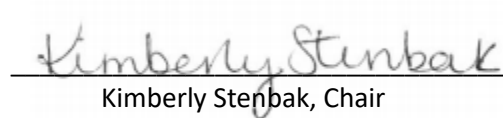
Requests from the Board for Upcoming Meetings

Chair Stenbak noticed a lot of commentary on community orchards for the Refuge Park. She will do an Innovative Parks Presentation on that at a future meeting.

ADJOURN - [8:45 PM](#)



Lisa Blake, PW Administrative Assistant



Kimberly Stenbak, Chair