



CITY OF RIDGEFIELD, WASHINGTON

Parks Board MEETING MINUTES

August 10, 2022

Regular Meeting - 6:30 PM

GENERAL SESSION CALL TO ORDER - 6:30 PM

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Rian Davis	Board Member	Present	
Sandy Schill	Board Member	Present	
Bruce Carpenter	Board Member	Absent	
Jake Bredstrand	Board Member	Absent	
Sarah Scott	Board Member	Present	
Whitney Randall	Board Member	Present	
Beth Bicknell	Board Member	Absent	

MOTION BOARD MEMBER RANDALL MOVED TO EXCUSE BOARD MEMBERS BETH BICKNELL, BRUCE CARPENTER, AND JAKE BREDSTRAND FROM THE MEETING

SECOND: VICE CHAIR DAVIS

Vote - all ayes

Vote - no nays

Motion Passed

MOTION BOARD MEMBER RANDALL MOVED TO EXCUSE BOARD MEMBER SARAH SCOTT FROM THE JUNE MEETING

SECOND: BOARD MEMBER DAVIS

Vote - all ayes

Vote - no nays

Motion Passed

LATE CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

PUBLIC COMMENT - [6:32 PM](#)

None.

CONSENT AGENDA - [6:34 PM](#)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Sandy Schill, Board Member
SECONDER:	Whitney Randall, Board Member
AYES:	Davis, Schill, Scott, Randall
ABSENT:	Carpenter, Bredstrand, Bicknell

1. Approval of Minutes from Wednesday, 6/8/22 Meeting

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES AS PRESENTED.

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

None.

OLD BUSINESS - [6:36 PM](#)

1. Update on Parks Projects - Galina Burley, Parks, Trails and Recreation Manager

Parks, Trails and Recreation Manager Burley provided updates for various park projects. The Abrams Park emergency vehicular bridge work is almost done and the contracting firm will install additional beams to add to stability of that structure soon. Looking at a Gee Creek trail segment installation from Heron Street to Main with federal funding. There is hope to obtain additional grants to move past design for the crosswalk to refuge to finish that body of work. Gee Creek improvements are anticipated to complete in 2024-2025. Splash pad is out to bid and the hope is to build it out later this year. Another project in procurement is a consultant to complete a skate park analysis. Refuge Park, Horns corner, and Boyse Park are waiting to get under contract. Vice Chair Davis asked staff to check on the donating family's vision of that property and Burley confirmed they would do so. Refuge Park will need to get under contract to move forward with a consultant. Horns Corner will see wetland restoration and the Watershed Alliance will assist with building a volunteer program that will be able to assist. The Mayors Meadow trail is still with Council. Greely development on the East side will have a park that they're working on getting dedicated. DeMelo installed a playground and will be installing exercise equipment, a trail, as well as some music equipment that the HOA will maintain.

NEW BUSINESS - [6:48 PM](#)

1. Updated Signs at the Disc Golf Course - Galina Burley, Parks, Trails and Recreation Manager

Parks, Trails and Recreation Manager Burley introduced Logan Sellers, who is with Boyscout Troup 554 from Vancouver. He will be assisting to update signage for the disc golf course at Abrams Park due to his passion of playing disc golf with his family. Approval is not required by the board and this presentation was for informational purposes. The new signs would be in cement with a steel sheet backing that will reinforce it for stability. The course will remain the same, and the signs will be replacing existing ones.

2. Watershed Alliance Program Introduction - Galina Burley, Parks, Trails and Recreation Manager

Parks, Trails and Recreation Manager Burley introduced Executive Director Sunrise O'Mahoney with the Watershed Alliance of Southwest Washington. They will be partnering with the City for the next 3 years with Council support to mobilize volunteers for wetland improvement projects, invasive species removal, and will run a backyard certification program. They will start with helping to restore Horns Corner with more native trees and vegetation as well as Abrams Park. O'Mahoney shared that they will be building a volunteering program through outreach to businesses and organizations out in the community.

3. Planning for Volunteer Event in October - Galina Burley, Parks, Trails and Recreation Manager

Parks, Trails and Recreation Manager Burley shared there will be an event in October with the Watershed Alliance. The Nature Play Area at Abrams Park was identified as a site that could use additional

volunteers, however dates have not been selected yet. Burley will send out updates as they become known.

4. Trail Signs Grant through Parks Foundation - Galina Burley, Parks, Trails and Recreation Manager

Parks, Trails and Recreation Manager Burley provided an update that trail signage was identified as a priority at a recent Council retreat. Burley submitted a grant application to the Parks Foundation for an analysis based on the historical information already there to come up with a path forward. If approved, it will awarded next year.

PUBLIC COMMENT - [7:12 PM](#)

None.

STAFF REPORTS - [7:13 PM](#)

Public Works Update

None.

FROM THE BOARD - [7:14 PM](#)

Board Member Updates

None.

Council Update

Parks, Trails and Recreation Manager Burley provided an update that Council is still working through alternatives with the City Manager for Mayors Meadows. Council identified parks and trails signage as a priority. During the tour a stop was made to view the future site for the Port waterfront park and the Port will be in touch in the coming months as planning continues.

Requests from the Board for Upcoming Meetings

Vice Chair Davis expressed that they would like to have a tour with the Parks Board if possible since many board members were not able to attend the larger tour with the boards and commissions for the City. Board Member Schill had requested that the tour be held during non-working hours and thinks it would be great to schedule a smaller group tour if possible since the larger tour was not able to accommodate that. Burley will check to see what options would be available.

Board Member Schill requested information to learn more about codes for statue donations and requested some information regarding this. Schill would like to know if there's a process or if the City has locations identified. Burley shared that Clark County Parks Foundation appears to administer the City's memorial benches program and has other items that can be donated. Burley will invite the foundation's CEO to our future meeting.

ADJOURN - [7:20 PM](#)

Chalea Johnston, PW Administrative Assistant

Beth Bicknell, Chair