



CITY OF RIDGEFIELD, WASHINGTON

Parks Board MEETING MINUTES

February 9, 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	Late	
Jake Bredstrand	Board Member	Late	
Sarah Scott	Board Member	Excused	
Whitney Randall	Board Member	Present	
Beth Bicknell	Board Member	Present	

LATE CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

CONSENT AGENDA - [6:33 PM](#)

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES AS PRESENTED.

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

1. Approval of Minutes from Wednesday, 1/12/22 Meeting

MEMBER REPORT - [6:34 PM](#)

None.

OLD BUSINESS - [6:34 PM](#)

1. Nature Play Park Updates, Public Works Director, Bryan Kast

Public Works Director, Bryan Kast, shared updates to the Nature Play Park area at Abrams Park. The next volunteer day will be April 2nd. Input was requested from the Board on what activities they would like volunteers to work on during this event. Board Member Schill mentioned climbing rope ladders. Public Works Director Kast said staff would look into that more. Board gave feedback that a sign that welcomed visitors and informed them that the park was a work in progress would add a nice touch to the play area. They additionally listed several activities that volunteers could work on such as balance beams, building a nest, or constructing a lean-to fort. Additional seating for parents or guardians were requested as well.

2. Overlook Park Trees and Splashpad Updates, Public Works Director, Bryan Kast

The Splashpad is proceeding towards final design and permitting after feedback was received from City Council. They preferred the 1st concept with the volcano theme with a tie in to the refuge. Land use pre-app will occur in the next month or so. The feature will only be turned on during nice weather, and the water will be filtered, treated, and recycled. Discussion was held on parking and pedestrian safety measures.

A couple of black walnut trees had to come down after being evaluated by an arborist. Stumps will be ground during the next couple of weeks. Public Works Director Kast is currently working with Big Trees Today to replace the trees with Oregon White Oaks. This company is able to transplant semi-mature trees so growth will have a head start. They're looking to install in early April. These trees should be 8" in diameter and be approximately 20-30 feet tall, and should reach approximately 50 feet tall once fully mature. The cut wood from the trees that were removed was salvaged, and will be made available to woodworkers to help fund the replacement trees.

NEW BUSINESS - [7:23 PM](#)

1. Identify Five Priority Parks for Name Signs, Public Works Director, Bryan Kast

One of the items on the 2022 Workplan was to identify 5 priority parks to add signage for. Board Chair Bicknell and Board Member Schill recommended Abrams Park as one. Discussion held that Horns Corner would be another good place since it's off the main highway and would be good to communicate that there's a whole loop to visitors. Board Member Davis would like to prioritize the parks that have old signs first when looking at additional locations. It was asked if staff could take a catalog listing parks with no signs, old signs, or that have current signs. Per Public Works Director Kast, no parks have updated logos so that should be taken into consideration.

2. Upcoming Trail Updates, Public Works Director, Bryan Kast

Public Works Director, Bryan Kast shared information on new trail developments and segments that will be under development and in construction this year. Kast was asked about any development through Royal, and he shared that there will be a sidewalk going in with the widening of that road. The sidewalk and bike lanes are planned to connect the high school to the grocery store. Board Member Schill thanked Kast for his progress with the grants that are helping to make this happen.

PUBLIC COMMENT - [7:41 PM](#)

STAFF REPORTS - [7:41 PM](#)

Public Works Update

Public Works Director, Bryan Kast, shared that he has accepted a position with La Center. Interim Public Works Director Brenda Howell will be leading the March meeting. He expressed that it has been a pleasure working with the board over the past 9 years and that he'll miss everyone. The Board recognized that Kast has been present during Ridgefield doubling in size and has accomplished many things during that growth and expressed their thanks.

2. Parks, Trails & Recreation Manager Posting Update

This position will be open until filled. There are several qualified candidates that are local with parks leadership experience. HR is currently on contacting everyone and setting up interviews in next couple of weeks. The hope is for that person to attend the April meeting.

3. PIF Update

No update available at the time of the meeting.

FROM THE BOARD - [7:45 PM](#)

Board Member Updates

Board Chair Bicknell will be talking to City Council tomorrow to give them a 2022 Workplan update.

Board Member Schill saw the survey that came out for Horns Corner and hopes that an exercise path would still be considered. Public Works Director Kast said that everyone is welcome to provide feedback as part of this survey. There is a concern that the overview gives it an appearance of being flat, but it involves slope and wetlands. Board Chair Bicknell requested that video could be taken to illustrate what the layout looks like that could show the slope.

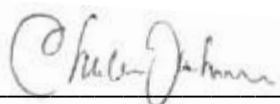
Council Update

Council will be reviewing feedback from the Horns Corner public outreach.

Requests from the Board for Upcoming Meetings

Board Chair Bicknell asked about cloth shade sails at Overlook park. Public Works Director Kast shared that there's some funds with Main Street to purchase additional shade sails for replacements and confirmed that they'll be available starting spring to enjoy in the park again.

ADJOURN - [7:52 PM](#)



Chalea Johnston, PW Administrative Assistant



Beth Bicknell, Chair