

**CITY OF MONROE
PARKS & RECREATION BOARD REGULAR
MEETING MINUTES**

February 20, 2020

7:00 p.m.

City Hall, Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Kinney called the Park Board meeting to order at 7:02pm, City Hall Council Chambers.

ROLL CALL

Boardmembers Present: Tami Kinney, Keith Dahlenburg, Ron Petrick, Jessie Robinson (7:08 arrival), Michael Stanger.

Boardmembers Absent: Devlin Piplic, Daniel Enrico

AGENDA REVISIONS – None

APPROVE MINUTES

Motion was made by Boardmember Dahlenburg, seconded by Boardmember Petrick, to approve the January 16th meeting minutes. Motion carried 5-0. Minutes of approved January 16 meeting minutes were signed by Chairperson Kinney.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION – None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS

AB 2020-001 Western Washington University (WWU) Students Alyssa Leone and Amelia Flores, Faculty, Dr. Tammi Laninga and Sustainable Community Coordinator, Lindsey McDonald presented the findings in the *Environmental Impact Statement* prepared for the City of Monroe as part of WWU Sustainable Community Program. Ms. McDonald provided an overview: Ms. Leone, Ms. Flores and Ms. Laninga alternated in describing the impacts of a temporary trail to Highway 2 bypass corridor. Discussion followed with the park board expressing their appreciation for the student presentation.

AB 2020-003 Heritage Tree Nominations – Denise Johns, Senior Park Planner, reviewed trees nominated for the City's Heritage Tree tour. Trees nominated were: a White Oak nominated at a private residence and a Maple Tree grove nominated at Evergreen Hospital parking lot. Boardmember Robinson motioned, Boardmember Dahlenburg seconded to accept the nominated trees. The motion carried 5-0.

AB 2020-004 2020 Park Bond Election – Denise Johns, Senior Park Planner, provided an overview of the April 28, special election bond measure. She described the projects identified to be bond-funded, the City's planned public outreach information effort, and funding amounts. Mike Farrell, Park Director talked about the previous bond effort in 2019, described cost differences, circulated the frequently-asked- question (FAQs), reminded that staff and Boardmembers cannot campaign while fulfilling their official duties. He talked about the time limit on grant funding and commitments made. Discussion followed about best timing for the bond. Boardmember Stanger moved and Boardmember Dahlenburg seconded to support the special election bond measure April 28. Motion carried 5-0.

STAFF REPORTS/UPDATES

- 1. Monthly Staff Report** Director Farrell talked about City participation in Advocacy Days at the State Capital the end of January with his focus on identifying funding for park operations and maintenance such as a voter-approved sales tax. If enacted, the measure would add 1/10th of 1 cent with a 20 year time limit. Discussion followed about the amount of existing debt, the ability to de-annex, and benefits of addition revenue.

Director Farrell talked about how the bond measure results will affect how park improvements will be budgeted including Currie View Park. He described how the Parks

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Recreation and Open Space (PROS) plan will help identify issues and objectives in park planning, capital projects, and funding.

Discussion continued about park planning with Boardmember Robinson describing the need for cohesive, authentic park design.

BOARD DISCUSSION

AGENCY REPORTS

Planning Commission – Mr. Stanger reported the Planning Commission worked on amendments to its rules and procedures to govern the Commission meeting and operations.

Monroe School District- Boardmember – No report

ADJOURNMENT – Chairperson Kinney requested a motion to adjourn, Boardmember Dahlenburg motioned and Boardmember Stanger seconded, motion carried and meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM.



Tami Kinney, Chairperson

Daniel Enrico, Secretary

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