

**CITY OF LAKE STEVENS
PARK AND RECREATION PLANNING BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

Lake Stevens Community Center
1808 Main Street
Lake Stevens, WA 98258

Monday, January 8, 2018

CALL TO ORDER: 6:03 PM by Chris Jones, Board Chair
MEMBERS PRESENT: Chris Jones, Carl Johnson, Marlene Sweet, Susan Green
and Tina Decker

MEMBERS ABSENT: Terry Van Wyck – excused absence
Roger Schollenberger – unexcused absence

STAFF PRESENT: Jim Haugen, Parks and Recreation Coordinator; Russ
Wright, Planning Community Development Director, and
Teresa Meyers, Secretary

GUESTS PRESENT: Kathleen Wood

EXCUSED ABSENCE:

Chris Jones asked for a motion to excuse Terry Van Wyck's absence due to illness. Carl Johnson moved to excuse Terry Van Wyck and not excuse Roger Schollenberger. Marlene sweet seconded. Motion carried (5,0,2).

Russ Wright offered clarification to the Chair and Members outlining the City Council's expectations for Board and Commission meeting attendance for "excused" and "unexcused absence".

Chair Jones and Carl Johnson stated they will reach out to Roger Schollenberger to ascertain his commitment to the Board.

ACTION ITEMS:

Motion to approve December 11, 2017 minutes with changes moved by Carl Johnson, seconded by Marlene motion carried (5,0,2)

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Carl Johnson nominated Tina Decker for Chair. Marlene Sweet seconded the nomination. Motion carried (5,0,2). Tina Decker nominated Carl Johnson as Vice-Chair. Marlene Sweet seconded the nomination. Motion carried (5,0,2)

Jim Haugen noted that Teresa Meyers will resume as Secretary.

GUEST BUSINESSES:

Tina Decker presided as Chair introducing Kathleen Wood with Juice Plus. Ms. Wood thanked the Board for the opportunity to present the Tower Garden concept for the Eagle Ridge Community Garden. The "Tower Garden" is a vertical aeroponic hydroponic garden which grows faster food with a higher nutritional value. Tower Gardens use less space than traditional gardens and can grow year around with grow lights.

Ms. Wood presented a comprehensive overview of the garden process and development with a PowerPoint slide show. The "Tower Garden" uses a feeding solution which can last between six months to one year; use less space than tradition soil gardens; produce farm to table fresh food faster than traditional gardens and can be used annually with LED lighting. Juice Plus has donated a tower garden to the Lake Stevens Boys & Girls Club where Ms. Wood will be donating her time to teach participants how to farm.

After some discussion and considerations, the Board does not believe the current development of the Community Garden at Eagle Ridge Park can sustain the operation now; however, the concept may be revisited for future considerations such as an educational facet to the Community Garden or the Senior Center. No action taken.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Jim Haugen addressed the board to request scheduling a joint work session with the Arts Commission in February. The Board agreed to the proposed date of February 12, 2018. Mr. Haugen will propose the date to the Arts Commission on January 10, 2018.

Interlocal Agreement with Snohomish County: The ILA allows the City and County to jointly develop Cavalero Park. The City and County have settled on an agreement that will go before the City Council January 9, 2018 for approval. Upon City Council approval, the agreement will go before Snohomish County Council for approval.

The Board complimented Jim Haugen on all his efforts to execute the agreement while pursuing grant funding for parks development throughout the City.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Marlene Sweet commented on the "Next Door" program suggesting a potential method to post information about the Community Garden.

Chris Jones reported on the Lake Stevens Junior Athletic Association desire to meet with Russ Wright and Jim Haugen to discuss the field needs and usage through the City for soccer, baseball, football and lacrosse. The association hopes to focus on the "little guys" to help the younger kids with sporting options and opportunities. In 2017, 632 players participated in baseball games alone.

Russ Wright stated City parks have never had organized sports which presents the Board with an opportunity to add sports use for City fields once they are developed at Frontier Heights and Cavalero Park.

Chair Decker commented on Mayor Spencer's community update printed in the Herald in November and shared Jim Haugen's recent parks article published in the Herald as well. Ms. Decker also asked about recreation education opportunities and offerings for the community and whether the City can schedule classes with the school district. Russ Wright suggested addressing the question as a brainstorming idea for the joint work session.

STAFF REPORT – Jim Haugen

Kari Bray with the Everett Herald is interested in future articles highlighting the Lundeen Park redesign and the Arts & Park Foundation.

Eagle Ridge

The gazebo construction in the Community Garden was completed January 6, 2018. The Eagle Ridge rezone will go to City Council.

Frontier Heights

Jim attended the Frontier Heights Homeowners Association Board Meeting. The Community Development Block Grant for the improvements at Frontier Heights was denied. Future grants will look at specific areas of the park for funding to better align with the grant requirements. The current park plan includes paths and trails around the park, relocating the play area, adding a shelter and developing ballfields.

Lundeen

The staff met with the design company of Bruce Dees & Associates on January 8, 2018 and will meet again in two weeks and then mid-February with a final park design.

Arts & Parks Foundation

Next Foundation meeting is January 11, 2018.

ADJOURN:

Motion to adjourn the meeting moved by Carl, seconded by Marlene. Motion carried (5,0,2). Meeting adjourned 7:30 PM.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: Playground equipment discussion for April agenda.



Tina Decker, Chair



Teresa Meyers, Secretary

