

CITY OF LAKE STEVENS
CITY COUNCIL, PARKS BOARD AND ARTS COMMISSION
JOINT MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, December 11, 2018
Lake Stevens School District Educational Service Center (Admin. Bldg.)
12309 22nd Street N.E. Lake Stevens

CALL TO ORDER: 6:02 p.m. by Council Vice President Petershagen

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT: Councilmembers Kim Daughtry, Gary Petershagen, Kurt Hilt, Todd Welch, Rauchel McDaniel, Brett Gailey, Marcus Tageant (6:30 p.m.)

ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT: None

PARKS BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Chris Jones, Tina Decker, Carl Johnson, Roger Schollenberg

PARKS BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Terry Van Wyck, Marlene Sweet, Susan Green

ARTS COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT: Steve Apodaca, John Vicente, Linda Ehmen, Bridget Scott

ARTS COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT: Kathy Kruse; Navid Nikoo,

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: City Administrator Gene Brazel, Community Development Director Russ Wright, Parks Coordinator Jim Haugen, Police Chief John Dyer, Commander Ron Brooks, City Clerk Kathy Pugh, Deputy City Clerk Adri Crim

OTHERS:

Council Vice President Petershagen called the meeting to order, and introductions were made.

Arts Commission 2018 Accomplishments: Commissioner Apodaca reviewed the events of 2018 including Music by the Lake in the new Lundeen Park with the Air Force Band. He commented that the events were thematic and they are trying to create a culture and educational component through all of the events. He also commented on other events including Shakespeare in the Park.

Director Wright added that these commissioners dedicate a lot of time behind the scenes putting events together and reaching out to the community.

Parks Board 2018 Accomplishments: Board Chair Decker commented on how busy both the Parks Board and Arts Commission have been and thanked the Arts Commission for their contributions. She next commented on Cavelero Park and improvements made at Eagle Ridge

Park, as well as coming improvements for Frontier Heights Park, the 20th Street Ballfields, and the coming park in the Nourse Development. Chair Decker also shared there is now an Arts Commission/Parks Board subcommittee that meets regularly.

Director Wright said that a sports field inventory will be very useful. He added that in line with Council's vision for a Parks and Recreation Department, a subcommittee has been formed to help the boards work together to make sure they are kept informed as to what the other has going on.

Responding to Mayor Spencer's question, Boardmember Jones said that one issue in parks that has come up is the need for multi-use parks. Chair Decker noted there is also a need for practice fields, and the City does not have enough inventory.

There was discussion about how many fields are needed and Boardmember Schollenberg commented that when fields are added, it supports recreation within the city, and also that people come into the city to shop and dine.

Coordinator Haugen said the permits for Cavelero Park were issued today, and he also shared the concept drawing for Frontier Heights Park. Director Wright added that the concept plan meets the identified needs of the neighborhood, and it will also meet some of the park needs for the greater city. He added that the 20th Street Ballfields are ready for use as practice fields. Staff is also exploring ideas with surrounding communities that will be brought forward later in 2019.

Boardmember Jones shared he has been contacted by the Lake Stevens Soccer Club president about the possibility of writing a grant for turf. He explained that the International Soccer Organization gives out the grant that would provide the turf and the City would be responsible for installation.

2019 Parks Board /Arts Commission Work Plans: Chair Decker said the Board is working on an Adopt a Community program, and they will also be working on updating the code again, as well as working with the Arts Commission to develop more programs and events.

Commissioner Apodaca added that a lot of the arts programs would be considered recreational programs and the Arts Commission is committed to providing arts and cultural events. The Arts Commission wants to work more on bringing art into the parks.

Chair Decker commented on the slide show that Commissioner Ehmen created showing how art can be incorporated into park design to create a unique experience for park visitors.

Responding to Mayor Spencer's question, Commissioner Apodaca said it would be helpful to have Council input on projects they would like to see and share some ideas for weekend events that would bring people into the city.

Open Discussion: Boardmember Schollenberger commented on how helpful it has been to have Coordinator Haugen bring the Parks Board and Arts Commission together, and that both bodies are moving forward and working together.

Responding to Councilmember Tageant's question, Commissioner Ehmen said it is important to have a direction and plan from Council before funding can be pursued. Most of the proposals for

arts in the parks are not expensive but the commission would need Council's direction to move forward.

Mayor Spencer commented on how art has been handled in the past, and how it might be managed moving forward. He said over the next several years there are some large infrastructure projects being built so there should be more funding available for integrating art in the parks.

Commissioner Ehmen suggested that rather than shopping for art after the fact, select the art to be incorporated into the design of the park, and the art can be placed before the park design and buildout is finalized.

Coordinator Haugen shared the "save the date" cards for 2019 events as well as the final rack card that was used for 2018. Councilmember McDaniel suggested distributing the cards to local businesses for circulation throughout the community.

Responding to Councilmember Welch's question, Commissioner Apodaca said the support for the Arts Commission to be involved in the artistic nature of the parks has improved significantly over the last few years.

Chair Decker commented the Parks Board has been implementing the master plan, and that going forward the Parks Board hopes to have more input in parks design.


Commissioner Apodaca commented that City support has improved over the four years he has been on the commission.

Councilmember McDaniel requested Aquafest be listed as an event on save the date cards.

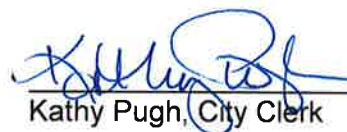
Councilmember Petershagen asked about committing some time to see Commissioner Ehmen's presentation soon.

Adjourn:

Council Vice President Petershagen adjourned the meeting at 6:53 p.m.



John Spencer, Mayor



Kathy Pugh, City Clerk



Tina Decker, Parks Board



Linda M. Ehmen
Arts Commission