

MINUTES
GIG HARBOR PARKS COMMISSION
Wednesday, January 5, 2022 – 5:30 p.m.
Virtual Meeting (via Zoom webinar)

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Parks Commission Members: Present – Chair Ben Coronado, Vice Chair Mary Barber, Will Appleton (arrived at 6:05pm), Anastasia Wright, Louise Tieman

Arts Commission Liaison: Lynn Stevenson

Staff: Parks Manager Matthew Keough, Public Works Director Jeff Langhelm, Public Works Assistant Terri Garrison,

Introduction of Parks Manager Matthew Keough

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of December 1, 2021 Parks Commission Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Move to approve the December 1, 2021 Parks Commission Minutes

Barber / Tieman - Motion passed unanimously

OLD BUSINESS

- 1. PROS Plan Update** – Steve Duh, with Conservation Technix, provided an overview of the PROS Plan update steps completed to date. He explained that the PROS Plan, especially state-compliant goals and policies, provides the City high-level guidance. It presents a kind of tool box of options to assist priority setting, budget decisions, and park development over the next 6-years. The plan structure is being revised, taking into consideration comments provided by the Subcommittee and Parks Manager Keough, and to add an Executive Summary, focus on local insights and feedback, and moving the site inventory sheets to follow the capital project list. Keough explained the strategy of adopting the PROS Plan as a policy document now and then to incorporate it into the City’s Comprehensive Plan by ordinance, during the upcoming 2022 Comprehensive Plan amendment process. This will also allow more city-wide coordination and public engagement regarding long range Park Planning. The Commission decided to hold a special meeting on January 19th at 6pm for review of the draft plan.

Next steps (goals):

Parks Commission receipt of draft (goal)	1/12/2022
Parks Commission Special Meeting	1/19/2022
Park Commission Meeting (recommendation to Council)	2/2/2022
Forward draft to Council (for review prior to 2/17/22 meeting)	2/4/2022
City Council Study Session	2/17/2022

NEW BUSINESS

None

PARKS UPDATE REPORT – Public Works Director Langhelm provided general park update information and answered questions, noting a few recent developments not included in the published update.

- Ancich Community Paddler’s Dock – The contractor will be mobilizing onto the site the week of January 10th with a barge and crane to demolish the gangway and a section of Jerkovich float system. The new gangway and floats will be transported back to Gig Harbor in early February.
- Ancich Boat Storage Building – City is updating the website to accept applications for boat storage and making online payments. Boat storage racks will be out to bid for purchase in February for installation in April.
- Ancich Advanced Mitigation – City Council rejected the WDFW MOU which requested advanced mitigation to demolish the Jerkovich Pier to be used for Commercial Fishing Homeport floats. City Council will reject all bids to demolish the Jerkovich Pier at Council meeting on January 10. The City will be hiring an engineering firm to complete the design and permitting of Commercial Fishing Homeport and will use the Jerkovich Pier for mitigation.
- Austin Honoring Project – Permits were submitted to DAHP for approval for construction, the artwork plaque has been ordered, and construction of the foundations will commence after DAHP approval.
- Gig Harbor Sports Complex Phase 1B – City sent out an RFQ for design and permitting in 2022 for construction in 2023. Due back to the City on 1/18/2022, at 3pm.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Arts Commission Report – Lynn Stevenson provided updates on the following Arts Commission projects: Harbor Arbor Art (3rd installment) has been placed in Grandview Forest Park; Arts Commission requests consideration for additional Harbor Arbor Art with the Sports Complex construction; updated signage for Ulsh “Fauxtem” Pole at the Civic Center has been installed.

The Commission thanked Public Works Director Langhelm and Commissioner Henderson for their contributions and time given to the Parks Commission.

Chair Coronado shared that he would be attending a Special Meeting, along with three Council members, with Senator Emily Randall at the YMCA regarding the Sports Complex on January 6, 2022.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Steve Nixon, PenMet Parks Commissioner, 5402 37th St. NW, Gig Harbor, was in attendance and gave a brief update on PenMet’s Community Recreation Center project.

ADJOURN

MOTION: Move to adjourn at 6:59 p.m.

Coronado / Barber - Motion passed unanimously