

MINUTES
GIG HARBOR PARKS COMMISSION
Wednesday, May 5, 2021 – 5:30 p.m.
Virtual Meeting

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Via Zoom webinar:

Parks Commission Members: Present-Chair Ben Coronado, Vice Chair Mary Barber, Louise Tieman, Roger Henderson, Nicole Hicks, Anastasia Wright. Absent-Ben Lieurance (unexcused)

Staff: Public Works Director Jeff Langhelm, Public Works Assistant Terri Garrison,

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of April 7, 2021 Parks Commission Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Move to approve the April 7, 2021 Parks Commission Minutes, with the correction to the spelling of Marlene Druker's last name.

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Inventory of Parks Facilities Discussion (Update for 2022 PROS Plan) -**
Commissioner Tieman shared the survey inventory answers. This program was created to collect park inventory data to be used for the upcoming PROS Plan update. Staff will be soliciting Consultant Roster for Scope and Fee proposals to hire a consultant to lead the PROS Plan update process. Maintenance comments collected will be forwarded to Public Works Operations. As a next step, Public Works Director Langhelm asked the Commission to review the Goals & Policies and Level of Service Standards in the current plan and return suggested edit/updates to staff by Monday, May 24th.

2. **Creating an Adopt-A-Park Program –** Draft Adopt-A-Park program documents were reviewed and discussed.

MOTION: Move to approve Parks Commission Resolution 2021-02, with suggested edits to make wording match across all documents, for presentation to City Council.

Barber / Coronado - Motion passed unanimously

Commissioner Barber offered to attend the June 14, 2021 City Council meeting on behalf of the Parks Commission.

3. **Ancich Human-Powered Boat Storage –** Possible storage rental terms were discussed including ideas for initial offering, type of crafts allowed, rental terms, rent amounts, surcharges, locks and locker options. The consensus of the Commission was to have two different rental time periods, January – June, July – December. This

would help streamline the payment and rental process.

The item will be on the Public Works Committee agenda on May 11, 2021.

Public Comment: Marjorie VanNuis, 7638 53rd Place, Gig Harbor, submitted written comments on this agenda item. My husband and I are seniors (late 60s) and have always enjoyed kayaking. Unfortunately as we've aged, our opportunities to hoist our kayaks to our car and then walk them to the water are diminishing.

We both have various progressive forms of arthritis; mine is in my neck and hip and my husband's clavicles and knee are shot. We have special paddles built for arthritic kayakers. We love the fresh air and exercise we get when paddling.

We are hoping when the public storage "mechanics" are discussed that there will be an opportunity for Gig Harbor's seniors - who still enjoy kayaking our beautiful harbor - to be considered for priority storage. We have two small, short kayaks; we're embarrassed we can't lift them like we did even five years ago.

Please let me know when public input will be opened to discuss public storage. I am signed-up for "alerts" from the City re: this issue.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Election of Officers – Chair/Vice Chair

MOTION: Move to nominate Ben Coronado as Parks Commission Chair

Barber / Tieman - Motion passed unanimously

MOTION: Move to nominate Mary Barber as Parks Commission Vice-Chair

Coronado / Tieman - Motion passed unanimously

PARKS UPDATE REPORT – Public Works Director Langhelm provided general park update information and answered questions. Commissioner Hicks mentioned the increased amount of classes being held in parks and asked how the Special Event permit process applies.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Henderson asked if the request from the Leafline Trails Coalition for the City to provide a signature of support to Washington's Congressional delegation to prioritize trails in infrastructure spending was signed. Public Works Director Langhelm did not believe that the request had been forwarded.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Edward Peterson presented his Eagle Scout proposal to the Commission to provide six flagpoles and flags for the branches of armed forces at Veteran Memorial Park. The Commission and staff provided feedback including that there may be some permitting

required. Commission Chair Coronado and Council Member Abersold offered to work with Edward and his parents to guide the project along the process of review and approval.

ADJOURN

MOTION: Move to adjourn at 8:06 p.m.

Barber / Coronado - Motion passed unanimously