

**KIRKLAND PARK BOARD**  
**Minutes of Regular Meeting**  
**January 11, 2023**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The January 11, 2023 Park Board regular meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Chair Mike Holland.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Members Present: Chair Mike Holland, Vice Chair Tessa Hansen, Board member Amy Ambrosini, Board member Tammy Cohen, Board member Katherine Kearny, Board member Roshan Parikh, Board member Crystal Thimsen

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Deputy Director John Lloyd, Park Planning and Development Manager Mary Gardocki, Parks Operations Manager Jason Filan, Recreation Manager Sara Shellenbarger, Parks Maintenance Supervisor Robert Martinson

Recording Secretary: Administrative Assistant Heather Lantz-Brazil

**3. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Board member Tammy Cohen read aloud the Local Land Acknowledgement:

*"We acknowledge that the Southern Salish Sea region lies on the unceded and ancestral land of the Coast Salish peoples, the Duwamish, Muckleshoot, Puyallup, Skykomish, Snoqualmie, Snohomish, Suquamish and Tulalip tribes and other tribes of the Puget Sound Salish people, and that present-day City of Kirkland is in the traditional heartland of the Lake People and the River People. We honor with gratitude the land itself, the First People – who have reserved treaty rights and continue to live here since time immemorial – and their ancestral heritage."*

Board member Crystal Thimsen volunteered to read the Local Land Acknowledgement at the next Park Board meeting.

**New Park Board member Katherine Kearny and Parks Maintenance Supervisor Robert Martinson were introduced to the Board. Staff and the Board exchanged introductions.**

**4. ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The December 14, 2022 Park Board meeting minutes were presented to the Board and approved by unanimous consent.

## **6. BUSINESS ITEMS**

### a. 2023 Preview

John Lloyd, Deputy Director of Parks and Community Services led a discussion on 2023 Park Board meeting topics and recommendations for future meeting discussions, a ballot measure update, and an in-person vs virtual meeting proposal. Staff answered questions from the Board. The Board will meet in person at the next meeting.

### b. Park Board Neighborhood Liaison assignments

The Board discussed neighborhood liaison assignments and made representative appointments:

Central Houghton – Amy Ambrosini	Market – Roshan Parikh
Everest – Mike Holland	Moss Bay – Amy Ambrosini
Evergreen Hill – Crystal Thimsen	Norkirk – Tammy Cohen
Finn Hill – Katherine Kearny	North Rose Hill – Tessa Hansen
Highlands – Mike Holland	South Rose Hill/Bridle Trails – Katherine Kearny
Juanita – Crystal Thimsen	Totem Lake – Unassigned
Lakeview – Unassigned	

## **PARK BOARD RECESSED AT 8:00 PM FOR 10 MINUTES**

## **PARK BOARD RECONVENED AT 8:10 PM**

### c. Park Board member reports

Vice Chair Tessa Hansen will attend the Finn Hill Neighborhood meeting on January 18, 2023. Chair Mike Holland reported on the Parks Funding Exploratory Committee (PFEC) tour at the Sammamish Community and Aquatic Center. Chair Holland will provide a presentation on the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan and PFEC at the next Highlands Neighborhood Association meeting on January 18, 2023.

## **7. COMMUNICATIONS**

### a. Correspondence

None presented.

### b. Department Monthly Report

Chair Mike Holland commented on metrics provided in the December monthly report.

### c. Staff updates and information

Mary Gardocki, Park Planning and Development Manager shared images of the new multi-use synthetic turf field at 132nd Square Park.

Sara Shellenbarger, Recreation Manager shared that PCS would be taking proposals on the lease of the Kirkland Teen Union Building to City Council on January 17, 2023, and the department was hosting a Lunar New Year event on January 28, 2023 at Peter Kirk Community Center.

### d. Comments from the Chair

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Mike Holland adjourned the meeting at 8:34 PM.

*Heather Lantz-Brazil*  
Heather Lantz-Brazil, Recording Secretary  
Parks and Community Services

*Mike Holland*  
Mike Holland (Feb 17, 2023 14:03 PST)  
Mike Holland, Chair  
Park Board