

KIRKLAND PARK BOARD
Minutes of Regular Meeting
June 26, 2024

1. CALL TO ORDER

The June 26, 2024 Park Board regular meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM by Chair Mike Holland.

2. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Board member Tara Bobbarjung, Board member Juliana Born, Board member Katherine Kearny, Board member Jared Silvia, Board member Crystal Thimsen, Vice Chair Amy Ambrosini, Chair Mike Holland

Members Absent: Board member Tammy Cohen

Staff Present: Deputy Director John Lloyd, Parks Maintenance & Operations Manager Jason Filan, Recreation Manager Sara Shellenbarger, Park Planning & Development Manager Mary Gardocki, Administrative Assistant Emily Lima Welch

Recording Secretary: Administrative Assistant Emily Lima Welch

3. AGENDA ADDITIONS/CHANGES

None.

4. ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Scott Morris

Austin Picinich

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The May 22, 2024 Park Board meeting minutes were presented to the Board and approved by unanimous consent.

6. BUSINESS ITEMS

a. Marina Park Dock and Shoreline Renovations 60% Design

Mary Gardocki, Parks Planning & Development Manager presented on the Marina Park Dock and Shoreline Renovation plan status. The current direction from Council is to continue to 90% development for all scope items to allow for more accurate cost assessments and funding plans before making a final selection. The 90% design is expected to go back to Council in Winter 2024—permitting will begin at that time and continue into the next year or so.

Staff answered questions from the Board.

b. 2022 PROS Plan Update: Section 5 Level of Service Standards and Guidelines

Mary Gardocki, Parks Planning & Development Manager provided an introduction to a discussion on PROS Section 5: Level of Service Standards and Guidelines. The Board discussed methods of understanding the current condition for the parks, as well as how to address issues such as accessibility and meeting recreation and open space goals for a growing population.

The Board and Staff discussed.

c. July Park Board Meeting/Park Tour Itinerary

John Lloyd, Deputy Director reviewed the scheduled plan for the July Park Board Meeting and Park Tour Itinerary.

Staff answered questions from the Board.

d. Park Board Member Reports

No Park Board member reports were presented.

Board Member Thimsen reported that she has heard appreciation for the new Houghton Park & Play pickleball courts, as well as continued interest in better access to courts, and a continued interest in double striping at existing tennis courts. Board and staff discussed access to pickleball courts and future options.

Board Member Kearny reported positive feedback on the Houghton Park & Play, KTUB, and the recently installed Juanita Beach water fountain.

Chair Holland noted his appreciation for the shade sails at the Totem Lake Park—this is their first full season at the park, since they were not received until late September of 2023.

Vice Chair Ambrosini noted that the redeveloped 132nd Square Park looks great and is very popular.

Board Member Kearny commented on geese mitigation, and Parks Operations Manager Jason Filan outlined some of the methods and challenges to try and manage the geese in parks.

Board Member Silvia reported that he visited the Juanita Friday Market and it's had a great start to the season.

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7. COMMUNICATIONS

a. Correspondence

Jennifer Loy

Matt Merry

Scott Morris

b. Department Monthly Report

The department monthly report was emailed to Board members and posted online.

c. Staff Updates and Information

Recreation Manager Sara Shellenbarger provided updates on the status of KTUB. Sep 3rd soft opening and Sep 18th grand openings are both on schedule. Parks & Community Services is working with CIP and Facilities to purchase some furniture, repaint, install new flooring, etc. KTUB Supervisor Theresa Vander Vaart has been hired, recruitment is active for a Program Assistant, and we will soon begin recruitment for several part-time staff. Youth Eastside

Services (YES) has hired a counselor that will start in August. To promote KTUB, there is an updated website, social media accounts, a launch team (focus group) and KTUB will be a parade entrant in the Celebrate Kirkland 4th of July Parade as well. Friday June 28th is the Teen Night Pool Party, and attendees will get to tour the KTUB building.

d. Comments from the Chair

Chair Holland recommended to the Board that we cancel the August Park Board session for a summer recess. Hearing no comments or concerns, we will plan to cancel August Park Board.

Chair Holland also noted that Board Member Bobbarjung will be leaving the Board to attend college.

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEM REQUESTS

September will be the next regular meeting.

The Board requested a discussion of parking challenges (in particular at Juanita Beach Park and O.O. Denny), and this topic is still planned for a future meeting.

The Board also requested a report on summer programming at the end of the season.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Mike Holland adjourned the meeting at 8:53 PM by unanimous consent.

Emily Lima Welch

Emily Lima Welch, Recording Secretary
Parks and Community Services

Mike Holland

[Mike Holland \(Oct 11, 2024 15:01 PDT\)](#)

Mike Holland, Chair
Park Board