

**KIRKLAND PARK BOARD  
Minutes of Regular Meeting  
January 22, 2025**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The January 22, 2025 Park Board regular meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM by Chair Ambrosini.

**2. ROLL CALL**

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

Members Absent: Board member Anika Joshi

Staff Present: Deputy Director John Lloyd, Parks Operations Manager Jason Filan, Recreation Manager Sara Shellenbarger, Interim Parks Planning & Development Manager Jodie Galvan, Recreation Supervisor Maryke Burgess, Administrative Assistant Emily Lima Welch

Recording Secretary: Administrative Assistant Emily Lima Welch

**4. ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

Grace Brown

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The December 18, 2024 Park Board meeting minutes were presented to the Board and approved by unanimous consent.

**6. BUSINESS ITEMS**

**a. Draft Peter Kirk Pool Assessment & Feasibility Study**

Deputy Director Lloyd introduced Geoff Anderson from Schemata Workshop and George Deines from Counsilman-Hunsaker, who presented on the Peter Kirk Pool assessment and feasibility study. Mr. Anderson noted that the Mercer Island Beach Club was open to allowing Kirkland to tour their air-supported enclosure (or 'bubble').

Mr. Anderson, Mr. Deines, and Staff answered questions from the Board.

Board provided feedback that the OpenAire facility is preferable as a permanent option, but that there is still interest in the less expensive and more temporary options, including the air-supported enclosure solution, if there is a possibility that the City would still like to pursue an indoor aquatics & recreation facility at another site.

**BOARD RECESSED AT 8:12 PM  
BOARD RECONVENED AT 8:14 PM**

**b. Department Staffing Updates**

Deputy Director Lloyd walked the Board through some of the recent staffing changes to the Parks & Community Services department, comparing the 2024 Organization Chart and 2025 Proposed Organization Chart, noting that some of these changes have already occurred, and some of them are still in progress.

Staff answered questions from the Board.

**c. Park Board Member Reports**

Board member Born attended the Market Neighborhood Association meeting that Parks Operations Manager Filan and Interim Parks Planning & Development Manager Galvan presented at and said that the presentation went well and that it generated a lot of discussion. She also reported that Wave Aquatics is interested in using the Peter Kirk Pool for swim lessons and teams while the Juanita High School Pool is down for repairs. Deputy Director Lloyd confirmed that Wave did reach out, but that we would not be able to rent to them due to off-season repairs.

Board member Holland attended Highlands Neighborhood Association meeting and reported positive feedback on the temporary Houghton Park & Play site. He reported they also discussed options for potential new pickleball courts where the noise wouldn't be too disruptive. Board member Holland and the Highlands Neighborhood Association sent some notes to Deputy Director Lloyd and Parks Operations Manager Filan, who responded promptly.

No further reports were presented.

**7. COMMUNICATIONS**

**a. Correspondence**

Muhammed Ibrahim  
Jennifer Loy

**b. Department Monthly Report**

The department monthly report was not emailed to Board members this month pending the recruitment of a new Education & Outreach Coordinator.

**c. Staff Updates and Information**

Recreation Supervisor Burgess extended an invitation to the Board to attend Lunar New Year on Saturday, February 1, 2025 from 2 PM – 4 PM at the Peter Kirk Community Center. She also noted that Mayor Curtis and Council member Black would also be present to read the City Council's Lunar New Year Proclamation at the event.

Recreation Manager Shellenbarger reported thanked Board member Silvia inviting the Recreation division to the Juanita Elementary Summer Camp Fair, which they will attend on Thursday, January 23, 2025.

Parks Operations Manager Filan reported to the Board that the salmon art proposed by Austin Picinich and the Finn Hill Neighborhood Alliance for O.O. Denny Park was approved by the Cultural Arts Commission. He noted that not all of the salmon would be placed as originally presented to the Park Board, but some of the salmon would be placed in the main (west) part of the park, near the park facilities.

No further reports were presented.

**d. Comments from the Chair**

None

## 8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEM REQUESTS

The Board previewed the next 4 months of tentative Park Board agendas.

Chair Ambrosini suggested including an introduction to Human Services, along with the other division overviews.

No further changes or comments to the proposed schedule were made.

## 9. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Ambrosini adjourned the meeting at 8:46 PM by unanimous consent.

*Emily Lima Welch*

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Emily Lima Welch, Recording Secretary  
Parks and Community Services

*Amy Ambrosini*  
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Amy Ambrosini, Chair  
Park Board









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