

KIRKLAND PARK BOARD
Minutes of Regular Meeting
February 8, 2023

1. CALL TO ORDER

The February 8, 2023 Park Board regular meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Mike Holland.

2. ROLL CALL

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

Members Absent: Board member Tammy Cohen

Staff Present: Deputy Director John Lloyd, Park Planning and Development Manager Mary Gardocki, Parks Operations Manager Jason Filan, Recreation Manager Sara Shellenbarger, Management Analyst Hillary De La Cruz

Recording Secretary: Administrative Assistant Heather Lantz-Brazil

3. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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

4. ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The January 11, 2023 Park Board meeting minutes were presented to the Board and approved by unanimous consent.

6. BUSINESS ITEMS

a. Ballot Measure Capital and Operating Investment Opportunities

Hillary De La Cruz, Management Analyst gave a presentation on the potential 2023 Parks Ballot Measure(s) Initiative work during the month of January, including reviewing the twenty-two potential ballot measure capital and operating elements currently being evaluated by the Parks Funding Exploratory Committee (PFEC). Staff answered questions from the Board. Chair Mike Holland explained the role of PFEC and the decision making process ahead regarding these potential ballot measure elements.

PARK BOARD RECESSED AT 7:50 PM FOR 10 MINUTES
PARK BOARD RECONVENED AT 8:00 PM

b. Recreation and Aquatic Center Feasibility Study Results

Mary Gardocki, Park Planning and Development Manager gave a presentation that was previously presented to PFEC from Opsis Architecture, consultant for a feasibility study for an indoor aquatics and recreation center(s). The presentation covered Facilities Guiding Principles; Community Needs and Program Spaces; Houghton Park and Ride Program and Concept Design Options; NKCC Program and Design Options; Capital and Operational Costs; and Evaluation of Options. Staff answered questions from the Board.

c. Park Board member reports

Vice-Chair Hansen attended Finn Hill Neighborhood meeting, discussing parks acquisition, lessons learned from ARC with a large response and around 50 attendees.

Board member Kearny, planning to attend March 4 neighborhood meeting.

Chair Holland presented the PROS Plan and PFEC concepts to the Highlands Neighborhood Association.

7. COMMUNICATIONS

a. Correspondence

None presented.

b. Department Monthly Report

Sarah Rock, Communications Program Specialist distributed on 2/8/23.

c. Staff updates and information

Mary Gardocki, Park Planning and Development Manager invited Park Board to the 132nd Square Park Ribbon Cutting event on April 1, 2023.

Sara Shellenbarger, Recreation Manager shared an update on Parks and Community Services department's proposal to operate the Kirkland Teen Union Building and City Council's direction.

d. Comments from the Chair

~~Saturday, Chair Mike Ribbon cutting with Council at Snyder's Corner pop-up~~

Saturday, February 11th, Chair Mike Holland will attend the ribbon cutting with Council at Snyder's Corner pop-up.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Mike Holland adjourned the meeting at 8:54 PM.

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

Mike Holland
[Mike Holland \(Apr 4, 2023 13:58 PDT\)](#)
Mike Holland, Chair
Park Board