

KIRKLAND PARK BOARD
Minutes of Regular Meeting
April 12, 2023

1. CALL TO ORDER

The April 12, 2023 Park Board regular meeting was called to order at 7:05 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 Katherine Kearny 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."

Vice Chair Tessa Hansen volunteered to read the Local Land Acknowledgement at the next Park Board meeting.

4. ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE

None presented.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The March 8, 2023 Park Board meeting minutes were presented to the Board and approved by unanimous consent.

6. BUSINESS ITEMS

a. Ballot Measure Update

Hillary De La Cruz, Management Analyst provided an update about the potential 2023 Parks Ballot Measure(s) Initiative work that took place after the March 8, 2023 Park Board meeting and next steps. Staff answered questions from the Board.

b. Joint Meeting Debrief

John Lloyd, Deputy Director led a debrief discussion following the Board's joint meeting with City Council that took place on April 4, 2023. Staff received feedback about suggested format changes to future joint meetings with City Council to possibly include handouts, presentations and/or starting with direct questions from Council.

c. Park Board Member Reports

Board member Amy Ambrosini has been attending neighborhood meetings and asked the Board for best practices to formally engage and present information at future meetings. Staff and the Board gave suggestions.

Chair Mike Holland attended the April 1, 2023 tour at the 132nd Square Park with Vice Chair Hansen, Board member Ambrosini, and City Council. Event included acknowledgement of the Labyrinth by the Reber family.

7. COMMUNICATIONS

a. Correspondence

None presented.

b. Department Monthly Report

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

c. Staff updates and information

The new Park Board Youth Representative will be introduced at the next Park Board meeting. The department is hiring seasonal positions and recently held a job fair.

d. Comments from the Chair

In February 2023, Chair Holland attended the ribbon cutting with Council at Snyder's Corner pop-up dog park and shared that this was an example of what a neighborhood association can advocate and deliver.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Mike Holland adjourned the meeting at 8:05 PM by unanimous consent.

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Heather Lantz-Brazil, Recording Secretary
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Mike Holland

Mike Holland, Chair
Park Board

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