

KIRKLAND PARK BOARD
Minutes of Regular Meeting
May 10, 2023

1. CALL TO ORDER

The May 10, 2023 Park Board regular meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Chair Mike Holland.

2. ROLL CALL

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

Members Absent: Board member Roshan Parikh

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

Recording Secretary: Office Specialist Erin Yoshida

3. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Vice Chair Tessa Hansen 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.

4. WELCOME NEW MEMBER/INTRODUCTIONS

Board members and staff welcomed new Park Board youth member, Tara Bobbarjung. Staff and the Board exchanged introductions.

5. ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE

None presented.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The April 12, 2023 Park Board meeting minutes were presented to the Board and approved by unanimous consent.

7. BUSINESS ITEMS

a. Ballot Measure Update

Mary Gardocki, Park Planning and Development Manager provided an update about the potential 2023 Parks Ballot Measure(s) Initiative work that took place after the April 12, 2023 Park Board meeting and next steps. Staff answered questions from the Board.

b. Neighborhood Liaison Assignments

John Lloyd, Deputy Director confirmed designated neighborhood assignments for Park Board members and assigned a neighborhood to new Board member, Tara Bobbarjung.

c. Park Board Member Reports

Board member Amy Ambrosini attended the Moss Bay meeting this week where John Lloyd, Deputy Director presented an update on the potential 2023 Parks Ballot Measure(s). She also attended the Central Houghton meeting where attendees expressed a dissatisfaction with the number of surveys currently coming out of Kirkland right now.

Board member Kathy Kearny attended the South Rose Hill Neighborhood Association meeting during which the purchase and current status of the Houghton Park and Ride was discussed. The association expressed interest in interim use of the lot before development begins.

Chair Mike Holland attended the Kirkland Volunteer Appreciation Night on April 26th which was a thank you to volunteers who give their time and effort to assist Kirkland.

d. Land acknowledgement

Chair Mike Holland added a business item to discuss the reading of the local land acknowledgement during Park Board meetings.

Chair Mike Holland made a motion that the local land acknowledgement be included on the agenda but not be read during Park Board meetings. Vice Chair Tessa Hansen seconded the motion. Motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Starting with the June 14, 2023 meeting, the local land acknowledgement will no longer be read during Park Board meetings.

8. COMMUNICATIONS

a. Correspondence

None presented.

b. Department Monthly Report

The department monthly report was emailed to Board members and posted online on May 10, 2023.

c. Staff updates and information

Mary Gardocki, Park Planning and Development Manager announced that Totem Lake Park received the 2023 Award of Honor from the Washington State Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects.

Jason Filan, Parks Operations Manager, provided an update on the activities the Parks Operations team is doing to prepare for the additional park usage this summer.

Sara Shellenbarger, Recreation Manager, provided an update on staffing for seasonal positions.

d. Comments from the Chair

Chair Mike Holland requested a list of projects that PCS will be working on for 2023. This will be added to next month's agenda.

Chair Mike Holland requested an update on the 132nd Square Park opening. An update will be provided at next month's meeting.

Chair Mike Holland reminded the Board that the Juanita Friday Market will be opening first Friday in June. John Lloyd, Deputy Director, added that the Kirkland Wednesday Market would also be opening first week in June.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Mike Holland adjourned the meeting at 8:17 PM by unanimous consent.



Erin Yoshida, Recording Secretary
Parks and Community Services



[Mike Holland \(Jun 17, 2023 15:44 PDT\)](#)

Mike Holland, Chair
Park Board