

**AGENDA**  
**GIG HARBOR PARKS COMMISSION**  
Wednesday, March 2, 2022 – 5:30 p.m.

Virtual Meeting Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81450315374>  
Call-in: (253) 215-8782 Meeting ID: 814 5031 5374

**CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** February 2, 2021

**PRESENTATION**

**Gig Harbor Land Conservation Fund** – Jennifer Keating

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. Discussion of the 2022 Work Program

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. RCO Funding Assessment/Strategy
2. Parks Appreciation Day Planning

**PARKS UPDATE REPORT** – Parks Manager Matthew Keough

**COUNCIL AND COMMISSION REPORTS**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**ADJOURN**

Next Regular Meeting: Wed., April 6, 2022, 5:30pm

Parks Appreciation Day: Sat., April 9, 2022, 9am-12pm, KLM Veterans and Shaw Park

**MINUTES**  
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Parks Commission Members: Present – Chair Ben Coronado, Will Appleton, Anastasia Wright, Louise Tieman, Georgina Armstrong, Stephanie Lile

City Council Liaison: Councilmember Brenda Lykins

Staff: Parks Manager Matthew Keough, Public Works Assistant Terri Garrison

**INTRODUCTIONS:**

- Newly instated Parks Commission Members Stephanie Lile and Georgina Armstrong provided personal introductions.
- Newly appointed City Councilmember Liaison Brenda Lykins provided a personal introduction and a brief report of City Council efforts.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** January 5, 2021

**MOTION:** Move to approve the January 5, 2021 Parks Commission Minutes

Tieman / Appleton - Motion passed unanimously

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. PROS Plan Recommendation to City Council – Chair Coronado recounted the process, to include Council authority for Parks Commission to commission a community-based PROS Planning process by March 1, 2022.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Comments provided by anonymous source:

1. I believe that if public lands, or publicly owned open spaces, are not accessible to the citizens, then the public often neglects them or become hostile toward the idea of public lands not open to use.
  - a. Make sure that there is a goal, stated purpose, for every city-owned parcel, including if there is public access intended.
2. Create a goal and plan for each city-owned parcel adjacent to the Cushman Trail to have some sort of passive access and interpretive signs.
3. Verify that each public park, or open spaces intended for passive use, have available public parking.
4. Right of way property should be identified for public transportation and utility purposes; however, existing public street-ends that allow public access to the shoreline (view or

beach access) should be identified for potential protection and development as a recreational use.

Jennifer Preston Chushcoff submitted public comments via email for a proposal for a greenhouse at PenMet's Peninsula Gardens property to develop a large, hybrid conservatory and gardens for public recreation utilizing the current structures and connecting a glassed-in greenhouse suitable for indoor activities throughout the year.

**MOTION:** Move to recommend that the City Council adopt the 2022 Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan by City Resolution, as presented with the following changes:

A. Amend Capital Improvement Program (current page 90) to show master planning for the Old Burnham Properties initiative to be suggested for the year 2025 (instead of 2023);

B. Insert reference into the PROS plan of the adopted Transportation Element of the Comprehensive Plan which integrates non-motorized active transportation planning, for goal and policy coordination;

C. Amend Non-Capital Project listing (current page 90) to remove the line item, "Non-Motorized & Active Transportation Plan";

D. Amend Non-Capital Project listing (current page 90) to include "Anticipated Park-focus phase of the City's 2021 ADA Transition Plan" designating \$40,000 in 2023 for this initiative.

Appleton / Armstrong

**Discussion:** In response to public comment, the plan should state that public parklands that lack public access should have a plan for access. The Planning team is encouraged to amend the draft to clarify this kind of best of practice and correct any misstatements or scrivener's errors.

**MOTION AMENDMENT:** Move to amend the original motion to add reference to the Puyallup Tribe as a part of the history of Gig Harbor.

Coronado / Tieman – Amendment approved unanimously

– Original motion passed unanimously

2. 2022 Park Commission Work Plan Review – The previous draft work plan and process was acknowledged.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. 2022 Park Commission Work Plan Goal Session - Goal Setting for the Work plan (1-3 years goals under development). Acknowledged annual coordination/authorization from the City Council but ability for work plan to roll into future years. Consider crafting an unofficial working calendar in order to address work plan goals, potentially towards

milestones.

Translate Park Commission Duties (Municipal Code 2.50.050) into a desired outcome, based on a value. Brainstorm possible goals for each of the five duties. Commissioners agreed to review and prepare a goal each to present at the next regular meeting and to consider goals for each year of their tenure.

## 2. Election of Vice Chair

**MOTION:** Move to nominate Louise Tieman as Vice Chair until installation of new members/terms after March 31, 2021.

Coronado / Lile – Motion approved unanimously

**PARKS UPDATE REPORT** – Parks Manager Matthew Keough provided general park update information and answered questions, noting a few recent developments not included in the published update.

- Proposed collaboration with PenMet Parks on various projects and ideas
- Conservation futures acquisitions
- Ancich Boat Storage – application process to begin the week of February 7
- Citizen Interest in having a vote by Gig Harbor residents to decide if they want to be incorporated into the Peninsula Metropolitan Park District (PENMET).

## **COUNCIL AND COMMISSION REPORTS**

1. Arts Commission Liaison Report – Commissioner Wright provided an update on Arts Commission work. The Arts Commission would appreciate suggestions in identifying sites for the Mural Project and for the Harbor Arbor Project.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Marlene Druker, 7010 Stanich Avenue, GH – Ms. Druker provided information on an upcoming bike ride planned through Cascade Bicycle Club on February 5<sup>th</sup>. She also invited Parks Commission members to join in a future ride to provide community outreach. Ms. Druker also mentioned the PenMet Parks Bike Bash coming up on May 21 to be held at Sehmel Homestead Park.

## **ADJOURN**

**MOTION:** Move to adjourn at 7:42 p.m.

Tieman / Coronado - Motion passed unanimously