

**MINUTES**  
**GIG HARBOR PARKS COMMISSION**  
Wednesday, June 2, 2021 – 5:30 p.m.  
Virtual Meeting (via Zoom webinar)

**CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL**

Parks Commission Members: Present-Chair Ben Coronado, Vice Chair Mary Barber, Roger Henderson, Nicole Hicks. Absent-Anastasia Wright, Louise Tieman (excused)

City Council Liaison: Spencer Abersold

Staff: Public Works Director Jeff Langhelm, Public Works Assistant Terri Garrison

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Approval of May 5, 2021 Parks Commission Meeting Minutes**

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

Barber / Coronado - Motion passed unanimously

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. **Pros Plan Update - Review Level of Service Standards and Goals & Policies** – Public Works Director Langhelm thanked the Commission for their work on submitting comments for updating the Goals & Policies. Mr. Langhelm provided that staff is proposing to hire a consultant to facilitate the update to the PROS Plan. The contract to hire the consultant will be on the June 14 City Council agenda for review and approval. Once a contract is in place, the PROS Plan Subcommittee will be scheduled to meet between June 28 and July 1. There will also be a City Council Work Session proposed for July 8<sup>th</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup>.

**MOTION:** Move that the Parks Commission recommends to the City Council approval of a contract with a consultant as recommended by staff to lead and facilitate the update to the Parks Recreation and Open Spaces Plan. Updating this plan is critical to our City of Gig Harbor Parks as future grant funding is dependent on an approved plan by the end of 2021. The Parks Commission believes that hiring this consultant is the best way to meet the PROS plan deadline because of staff capacity issues, predominately the lack of a full-time Parks Manager.

Barber / Coronado – **MOTION AMENDED** to include a robust community engagement program.

Coronado / Barber – Amendment approved unanimously

**AMENDED MOTION:** Move that the Parks Commission recommends to the City Council approval of a contract with a consultant as recommended by staff to lead and

facilitate the update to the Parks Recreation and Open Spaces Plan. This includes organizing and leading a robust community engagement program. Updating this plan is critical to our City of Gig Harbor Parks as future grant funding is dependent on an approved plan by the end of 2021. The Parks Commission believes that hiring this consultant is the best way to meet the PROS plan deadline because of staff capacity issues, predominately the lack of a full-time Parks Manager.

Barber / Coronado – Motion approved unanimously

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Parks Appreciation Day Discussion** – The possibility of having a fall Parks Appreciation Day cleanup was discussed. The consensus of the Commission was to wait until April of 2022 to hold the event, so that the Commission could focus on the PROS Plan work and the Adopt-A-Park program implementation. This item will continue to be on the Parks Commission agendas for further planning efforts.

**PARKS UPDATE REPORT** – Public Works Director Langhelm provided general park update information and answered questions.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS** – Commissioner Henderson provided information that the Leafline Trails Coalition is working on updating their network of trails for a draft map visioning. The group could need GIS support from City staff in the fall.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

## **ADJOURN**

**MOTION:** Move to adjourn at 6:52 p.m.

Coronado / Henderson - Motion passed unanimously