

MINUTES
GIG HARBOR PARKS COMMISSION
Wednesday, January 6, 2021 – 5:30 p.m.
Virtual Meeting

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Present (via Zoom webinar):

Mayor Kit Kuhn, Jennifer Keating (Puyallup Tribe of Indians)

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of December 2, 2020 Parks Commission Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Move to approve the December 2, 2020 Parks Commission Minutes

McDaniel / Barber – motion passed unanimously

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Restoring Parks Name** – The Public Hearing and presentation originally scheduled was to consider renaming Austin Estuary Park to Twalwacut park in honor of the historic village site of the Sxwəbabš people previously located on the Austin Estuary site. Mayor Kuhn provided an update that the Ad Hoc Committee is proposing a different direction that would still honor the Austin name. Jennifer Keating also provided that the Committee has further reviewed the Austin family and tribal history of the site. The Ad Hoc Committee requested that their presentation be deferred to the February Parks Commission meeting for consideration and public input.
2. **Review of Adopted 2021 Parks Commission Work Plan** – Public Works Director Langhelm reviewed the Work Plan adopted by City Council. Commission members asked for clarification on several items and proposed to start working on the following items during the first part of 2021:

February – Parks Appreciation Day (pandemic-aware)

February – Inventory of Parks Facilities – Update for 2022 PROS Plan

March – Creating an Adopt-A-Park Program

March – Cushman Trail Etiquette Signage

April – Develop list of parks/properties needing master plans, if required by PROS Plan

April - Ancich Human-Powered Storage

Crescent Creek Park Visioning has been deferred until after City Council gives direction on the proposed Masonic Lodge building improvements.

Several subcommittees were proposed to facilitate work on program elements outside of regular Parks Commission meetings.

Cushman Trail Etiquette Signage – Roger Henderson, Ben Coronado
Parks Appreciation Day (pandemic-aware) when appropriate – Mary Barber
Creating an Adopt-A-Park Program – Louise Tieman
Inventory of Parks Facilities – Louise Tieman

NEW BUSINESS

None

PARKS UPDATE REPORT – Public Works Director Jeff Langhelm provided an update on the status of current park projects/proposals.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC COMMENT

ADJOURN

MOTION: Move to adjourn at 7:14 p.m.

Henderson / Barber - Motion passed unanimously