

**MINUTES**  
**GIG HARBOR PARKS COMMISSION**  
Wednesday, May 4, 2022 – 5:30 p.m.  
Virtual Meeting (via Zoom webinar)  
Virtual Meeting Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81450315374>  
Call-in: (253) 215-8782 Meeting ID: 814 5031 5374

**CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL**

Parks Commission Members: Present – Chair Ben Coronado, Vice Chair Louise Tieman, Georgina Armstrong, Stephanie Lile. Absent (excused) – Will Appleton

Staff: Parks Manager Matthew Keough, Public Works Assistant Terri Garrison, City Clerk Josh Stecker

Invited Guests: Stace Gordon and Les McCallum, recommended Park Commissioners, awaiting formal appointment on 5/9/2022

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES: April 6, 2022**

**MOTION:** Move to approve the April 6, 2022 Parks Commission Minutes

Tieman / Armstrong – unanimously approved

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**MOTION:** Move to approve the May 4, 2022 Meeting Agenda

Tieman / Coronado – unanimously approved

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. Parks Appreciation Day – Event Debrief. Parks Appreciation Day work accomplishments, including before and after photos, were shared. The Commission expressed their appreciation for the hard work of the volunteers and City staff for a successful event. Future planning efforts were discussed. Commissioner Armstrong asked about the status of the Adopt-A-Park Program and proposed a one-year trial of the program as previously proposed by the Parks Commission.
2. City Council Strategic Plan (background for developing Work Program) – City Clerk Stecker provided an overview of the City Council's Strategic Plan which includes priorities, goals, action items and projects. The Commission asked for more details on the status of several of the listed projects.

**STAFF REPORT**

1. Gig Harbor Sports Complex Update – Parks Manager Matthew Keough communicated the effort to educate and be proactive with the City's plans and what the project entails. There will be an informational Open House on May 7 for the public to attend and ask questions and get answers about the project. This meeting is for information purposes

and will show projected timelines for the phases of the project. The draft graphics to be used at the Open House were reviewed by the Commission.

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

- New Parks Commission members Stace Gordon and Les McCallum are on the City Council agenda for appointment at the May 9 Council meeting.
- Masonic Lodge Preschool Lease: Lease is being extended until May 31, 2023, then will become month to month rental depending on the outcome of the feasibility study later this year.
- Sustainability Urban Wildfire presentation at City Council on May 9.
- Ancich Boat Storage Building – An orientation for the individual renters is scheduled for May 7 from 2-3:30pm and from 10am-1pm on May 10, the opening day for the first rental period which will expire December 31, 2022.
- North Creek Conservation Properties – Update on the purchase of the three North Creek properties:
  - Phase 1 is in the closing process
  - Phase 2 the purchase and sale agreement has been extended until June 1<sup>st</sup>
  - Phase 3 Pierce County has public meetings scheduled for June to formally allocate funds for Phase 3, related to the final allocation for Phase 2
  - The three draft RCO grants have been withdrawn for the current grant cycle as a result of the projects being tied to these properties and require greater level of certainty and detail
- Global Climate Advisory Committee – Commissioners Coronado and Armstrong volunteered to participate on the committee. Commissioner Armstrong will be the representative unless both are allowed to attend. (Commissioner Coronado is considered the back-up to the Commission’s representative, Commissioner Armstrong)

## **COUNCIL AND COMMISSION REPORTS**

None

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

## **ADJOURN**

**MOTION:** Move to adjourn at 7:33 p.m.

Armstrong / Coronado – unanimously approved