

Burlington Parks & Recreation Advisory Board
MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday, 04/11/2023, 6:00PM

Meeting Location

Burlington Parks & Rec Building
900 E. Fairhaven Avenue
(Use NORTH ENTRANCE off Fairhaven)

CALL TO ORDER	Sarah Ward
APPROVAL OF MINUTES (03/14/2023)	Sarah Ward
OPEN COMMENT	Sarah Ward
OLD BUSINESS	Sarah Ward
1. Election of Chair and Vice Chair	Sarah Ward
2. Pickleball Courts	Marv Pulst
3. Dog Park Update	Jim Rabenstein
NEW BUSINESS	Sarah Ward
4. Purchase of Parks Vehicle	Jim Rabenstein
5. Boerner Survey	Sarah Ward
6. Maiben Restrooms	Marv Pulst
7. Rec Report	Sarah Ward

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Next Scheduled Meeting:
Tuesday, May 9, 2023 at 6:00PM

ENCLOSURES:

: 03/14/2023 Board Meeting Minutes

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CITY OF BURLINGTON
PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
Tuesday, 03/14/2023 Meeting Minutes
(The board meeting is conducted in-person and via Zoom)

Representatives in Attendance

Board Members: Marylynn Baker, Jennifer Eddleman, Karly Gruendle, Rob Norman, Elizabeth Turman-Bryant, and Mike Yeoman

City Councilors: James Stavig and Jamie Weiss

City Staff: Rec Coordinator Christi Kinney, Rec Specialist Kati Klerekoper, Public Works Director Marv Pulst, Library & Rec Director Sarah Ward, and Shelley Johnstone, Admin Specialist

Guests: Dan Budzynski, Kelly Moss, Nick Turman-Bryant, and Elian Hauptman

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER by **Library & Recreation Director Sarah Ward** at 6:06PM

MINUTES:

Motion is made by Marylynn Baker/James Stavig to approve the February 14, 2023 meeting minutes as written. All are in favor; motion is carried.

OPEN COMMENT

Facility Monitors. Shelley Johnstone shares that the Parks & Recreation Department has several openings in its Facility Monitor position. This is an on-call position that oversees after hour rentals at the Burlington Senior Center primarily, but can include other City facilities as well. The pool of Facility Monitors which normally consists of 5 persons currently has just 1 plus a second with very limited availability. **Shelley** asks board members to reach out to any acquaintances who may potentially have interest in applying for this unique position.

OLD BUSINESS

CIP/Capital Project Discussion. Marv Pulst leads a revisit of the advisory board's capital improvement priorities with the main focus on 2023 & 2024. Questions arose regarding funding priorities when the 2023-2028 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) was presented to City Council recently. **Jamie Weiss** says he felt the information delivered to council was not indicative of the advisory board's recommendations and would like to now make sure that the next version presented to council will more accurately represent the board's opinions. **Marv** adds he would appreciate seeing more precise cost estimates which reflect how the recommended funding amounts for certain projects were allotted. A lengthy discussion is held reflecting on the arc of the board's capital project conversations in recent months, the desired funding amounts for those projects, and the practicality of the proposed timelines. Ultimately, the board's priorities for 2023 and 2024 remain:

- Moving forward with improvements to Maiben Park continue to be the board's top priority beginning with replacement of the restrooms and the addition of pickleball courts;
- Moving forward when/if the Rotary Park Inclusive Playground and Restrooms grant is awarded by RCO;

- Continuing with the Skagit River Park irrigation project already underway; and
- Initiating a survey of Boerner Park neighbors to determine their needs & wants for the park.

Ultimately, **Marv** plans to meet with City Administrator **Greg Young** to ensure the advisory board's recommendations for capital priorities and project funding are accurately depicted before the CIP is next presented to council.

Pickleball Courts. Conversation continues amongst board members regarding the addition of pickleball courts to Maiben Park and the future of Maiben's current tennis court. **Elizabeth Turman-Bryant** has prepared a slide presentation which illustrates an array of pickleball statistics as well as cost estimate options for court conversion/construction. **Dan Budzynski** of Skagit Valley Pickleball Club joins the discussion and shares a brief history of the sport's evolution in the valley. **Dan** and the club were instrumental in the creation of the pickleball courts at Skagit Valley College and Hillcrest Park. He says the club's membership now currently sits at nearly 700 persons multiplying from its start five years ago with just 24. He describes pickleball as the fastest growing sport in the nation, with the club's expanding Burlington membership reflective of that statistic. **Elizabeth** has received 12 letters from residents expressing their support of the addition of pickleball courts to Maiben Park. Resident **Kelly Moss** expresses her passion for the sport and her appreciation for the ability to play this low impact activity even as a disabled senior citizen.

While past board conversations have included debate on Maiben Park's current tennis court and its potential conversion into pickleball courts, **Marv Pulst** explains conversion is no longer recommended. He recently inspected the tennis court and found it to be structurally unsound. The board considers the addition of lighted and covered pickleball courts which would extend the season of playability. When contemplating the expense of the extra features, **Marv** adds that phasing the project's scope could also be an option. **Dan** suggests researching Opelika, AL for an example of an alternative style of court cover.

Marv says next steps will be to work up a cost estimate for the installation of pickleball courts with cover and lighting options.

NEW BUSINESS

Election of Chair & Vice-Chair. This agenda item is tabled until the board's April 11 meeting.

NEXT MEETING: April 11, 2023 at 6:00PM.

ADJOURNMENT: Library & Recreation Director Sarah Ward adjourns the board meeting at 7:55PM.

Minutes transcribed by Shelley Johnstone, BPR Admin Specialist.