

Burlington Parks & Recreation Advisory Board
MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday, 07/12/2022, 6:00PM

Attend In-Person or via Zoom

In-Person

Burlington Library

820 E. Washington Avenue
Burlington, WA 98233
(Meeting Room is off the Lobby)

Virtual Zoom Meeting

Dial in: 1-253-215-8782

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CALL TO ORDER

Darla Chafe

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (06/14/2022)

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OPEN COMMENT

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OLD BUSINESS

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NEW BUSINESS

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1. BPR Marketing/Outreach

Kati Klerekoper

2. Rec Report

Christi Kinney

3. Parks Report

Jim Rabenstein

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Darla Chafe

Next Scheduled Meeting:

Tuesday, August 9, 2022 at 6:00PM

ENCLOSURES:

: 06/14/2022 Board Meeting Minutes

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CITY OF BURLINGTON
PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

Tuesday, 06/14/2022 Meeting Minutes

(The board meeting is conducted via Zoom due to COVID restrictions)

Representatives in Attendance

Board Members: Marylynn Baker, Bill Black, Darla Chafe, Rob Norman, and Elizabeth Turman-Bryant

City Council Members: James Stavig

City Staff: Shelley Johnstone, Jim Rabenstein and Sarah Ward

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER by **Chairperson Darla Chafe** at 6:02PM.

MINUTES:

A motion to approve the minutes of the 05/10/2022 meeting as written is made by Marylynn Black/Bill Black. All are in favor; motion is carried.

OPEN COMMENT

Mural Project. **James Stavig** shares that council's discussion at their June 9 meeting resulted in a 3-3 tie vote to support the mural project with City funding. He would like to see the topic return to the agenda for a follow up discussion and subsequent vote with all council representatives present. James doesn't believe it was due to lack of interest from the council and feels the project could be the start of positive momentum for downtown Burlington. **Elizabeth Turman-Bryant** plans to encourage the project's Go Fund Me donors to reach out to their council representatives to express their support.

OLD BUSINESS

Rotary Park Pump Track. **Darla Chafe** suggests tabling the presentation from **Adam with Skagit Cycle Center** to a later meeting since he was unable to attend tonight's meeting. He has knowledge where pump tracks are concerned and has insight to offer.

RCO Grant (1st Presentation). **Sarah Ward** reports that the first slideshow presentation to the RCO grant review panel was an excellent experience. This presentation made by Zoom is intended to be a test-run for the final presentation in August which will be given in-person in Olympia. Sarah gives high praise to staff member JP Kunze who created the majority of the presentation's content as well as presenting it to the review panel. She said he did an outstanding job. The feedback offered by the panel was all very positive; their suggestions for improvements prior to the final presentation were few and centered mainly around "less text, more photographs". The panel commented that the presentation left them well informed about the project with a clear vision. Based on the panel's suggestions, staff will adjust the slideshow slightly for its August presentation and will also hone its content to better fit its 12-minute time limit.

NEW BUSINESS

Maiben Park Pickleball Courts. **Jim Rabenstein** shares that he recently met with board members **Marylynn Baker, Cori Peck, and Elizabeth Turman-Bryant** to discuss the potential for adding pickleball courts in the city. While Maiben Park is in need of a significant remodel, the feeling is that the addition of pickleball courts to the park in the meantime would not hinder a later renovation project. **Elizabeth** has shared with **Jim** the contact information for the connections she has forged with the local pickleball

advocates. **Jim** hopes to meet with them once tasks associated with Berry Dairy Days and the Firecracker tournament have settled down. Resources from the advocates coupled with the relatively inexpensive project cost may make pickleball courts an ideal project to tackle soon. Developing a plan of action and rough cost-estimate are next. More info for board members will be forthcoming in the coming months.

Parks Report. Jim Rabenstein reports on a few of the tasks keeping his Parks crew hopping:

- **Jim** offers big kudos to the crew for their concerted efforts in preparing the Greenhills Memorial Cemetery for Memorial Day weekend. It has been challenging for them to keep up with typical springtime tasks. The lack of interest in seasonal staff positions has impacted all Public Works crews harshly. Jim mentions that a part-time staff member, Eric Moore, has been a tremendous help in easing some of those additional challenges. Eric's normal duties have him working in an on-call position to support field users, but he has made himself available to assist when his schedule allows.
- Between weather and scheduled field use, Jim has been waiting on an opportunity to begin turf maintenance at the playfields. The crew were finally able to start last week and should wrap up in time for the large youth soccer tournament at the end of the month. Jim says they've been using the new top-dresser which is performing even better than expected.
- Continuing supply chain delays are effecting irrigation. New backflow systems at Skagit River Park should be installed soon, but the crew is still waiting on the PUD meter for the new 3" water line. The new irrigation boom carts have arrived, but the hose reel accessories are still on backorder. The rainier than usual spring months have been a blessing in this regard, but they have also slowed recovery of playfield areas damaged by the November floods and ensuing freezes.
- Preparations for the city-wide Berry Dairy Days festival and also the soccer tournament have consumed much of the crew's time over the last few weeks.
- Crew completed seasonal maintenance on Maiben's splash park and opened it this week for the summer season.
- Crew recently installed a memorial bench at Maiben Park. The bench, purchased by Linda Burns & family, honors her brother, Pat "Woody" Burns. On order is a second memorial bench which will honor Nick Nickelson. The Nickelson bench was purchased through donations made to his family and will be set at Skagit River Park to commemorate his devotion to the community through youth sports. Three of the six benches at the new dog park have sponsors. Jim is waiting on those to arrive before working with the sponsors to order their customized plaques. He mentions that Mud Bay has committed to sponsoring all 4 of the dog waste stations. Jim has also received enquiry from a potential shelter sponsor.

NEXT MEETING: July 12, 2022, offered in-person and via Zoom.

ADJOURNMENT: Chairperson Darla Chafe adjourns the board meeting at 7:20PM.

Minutes transcribed by Shelley Johnstone, Parks & Recreation Secretary