

Forestry & Parks Commission Meeting

1/13/2022 4:35-5:59pm

Zoom

Meeting called by: Derek Barry

Type of meeting: Forestry & Parks Commission

Facilitator: Derek Barry

Note taker: Derek Barry

Attendees: Commissioners Bridges, Child, Crawford, Dexter, Johnson, Community Services Manager Derek Barry, Parks Supervisor Dan Gates, Juliet Vong - Consultant from HBB

Minutes

Agenda item: Approval of October 2021 meeting minutes

Presenter: Derek Barry

Discussion: ***Carryover from cancelled December 2021 meeting***

Approved the minutes of the October 2021 meeting.

Conclusions:

Approved

Agenda item: Parks & Trails Improvement Plan – Priorities Discussion

Presenter: Derek Barry

Discussion: ***Carryover from cancelled December 2021 meeting***

Discussion about projects currently being worked on as well as future projects. Discussed direction of adding new parks when possible and improving current facilities next.

Conclusions:

Agenda item: Parks Master Plan Update

Presenter: Derek Barry and Juliet Vong from HBB

Discussion:

Juliet shared the preferred concepts with staff and the process that got us up to this point.

Seibenthaler Park discussion included:

Commissioner Bridges brought questions on drainage for the site, which will include LID, possibility of rain gardens etc. Commissioner Johnson asked about the multipurpose court size and orientation near the pump station, as well as the possibility of wetland uses like a community garden, picnic table seating and parked vehicles idling near a playground.

Commissioner Crawford mentioned fencing for safety, benches, picnic tables, seating and turf areas.

The Bennett property discussion included:

Commissioner Child mentioned wetland buffers, storm ponds/fencing and child safety.

Commissioner Bridges mentioned access and property purchases, and tree height for view of Mt. Rainier

Commissioner Johnson mentioned parking lot island vegetation staying low, exercise areas, public art and being careful about naming the park after local use/cultural references

Commissioner Crawford mentioned the site history

Commissioner Dexter mentioned she was unaware of the nearby creek bearing salmon.

The conversation continued around naming and possibly looking at salmon species for naming of the park. Other topics openly discussed was lighting for playgrounds and the parks in general.