

Forestry & Parks Commission Meeting

5/12/2022 4:37-5:38pm

Zoom

Meeting called by: Chair Haase

Type of meeting: Forestry & Parks Commission

Facilitator: Derek Barry

Note taker: Derek Barry

Attendees: Commissioners Austin, Bridges, Child, Dexter, Haase, Huffington,
Community Services Manager Derek Barry
Community Development Director Ryan Windish
Parks Supervisor Dan Gates

Minutes

Agenda item: Approval of the April 2022 meeting minutes

Presenter: Derek Barry

Discussion: Approved the minutes of the March 2022 meeting.

Conclusions:

Approved

Agenda item: Bennett Property – Park name and theme

Presenter: Derek Barry

Discussion: The Commission discussed the name and theme for the Bennett property. The top four names are (in order) Salmon Springs, Evergreen, Watershed, Plum Blossom. An update was provided about a recent conversation with Warren KingGeorge of the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe. The Commission would like to consider feedback and background stories of the land before making a recommendation on the name/theme of the park.

Conclusions:

On hold

Agenda item: Arbor Day Summary

Presenter: Derek Barry

Discussion:

Summary of the 21 trees, staff and volunteers including Commissioners Bridges and Johnson.

Agenda item: Graffiti & Vandalism

Presenter: Derek Barry

Discussion: The Commission and City hope that the recent decline in graffiti and vandalism continues. We will keep the concept of a graffiti wall available as a potential approach in the future.

Agenda item: Fall Tree Planting

Presenter: Derek Barry

Discussion: Staff and the Commission discussed a fall tree planting. This could include public trees along the trail, parks, cemetery, and street trees. Staff will be preparing a list of the trees to be transplanted from the tree nursery for a future meeting.

Agenda item: Council Comments

Presenter: Derek Barry

Discussion: Commissioner Bridges asked about our longtime priorities of acquiring land for future parks and open space. Continued discussions on the topic included opportunities and funding challenges and approaches. Other items discussed included grants and the green burial planned for the Sumner Cemetery.