

Forestry & Parks Commission Meeting

4/13/2023 4:50-5:50pm

Zoom

Meeting called by: Derek Barry

Type of meeting: Forestry & Parks Commission

Facilitator: Derek Barry

Note taker: Derek Barry

Attendees: Commissioners Austin, Bridges, Child, Crawford, Johnson
Community Services Manager Derek Barry
Parks Supervisor Dan Gates

Minutes

Agenda item: Approval of the March 2023 meeting minutes **Presenter:** Derek Barry

Discussion: Approved the minutes of the March 2023 meeting.

Conclusions:

Approved

Agenda item: Green Burial Section – Municipal Code **Presenter:** Derek Barry

Discussion: Community Services Manager Barry shared the updates to the SMC. This includes amending section 8.04 and new section 8.04.320 related to Green Burials.

Conclusion:

Approved with recommendation to forward to Council for approval.

Agenda item: Rainier View Park Playground Replacement **Presenter:** Derek Barry

Discussion: Community Services Manager Barry shared proposals for the playground replacement at Rainier View Park. Commissioners wanted to see swings, nets, climbers and possibly a zip line in future proposals.

Conclusion:

The discussion and direction from the commission is request using Park Impact Fees to expand and make the playground inclusive. This will help current and upcoming growth near the park. CSM Barry will work with Council to request access to PIF and reach out to vendors for proposals within the requested budget amount.

Agenda item: Heritage Park & Alley Activation – Update **Presenter:** Derek Barry

Discussion: Community Services Manager Barry shared updates on the preferred design and next steps including seeking funding for final design.

Agenda item: Parks & Trail Plan – update

Presenter: Derek Barry

Discussion: Community Services Manager Barry shared kickoff information about the plan. He reminded the commission of the upcoming Open House.

Agenda item: Arbor Day Event Reminder

Presenter: Derek Barry

Discussion: Community Services Manager Barry reminded the commissioners of the Arbor Day event planned for the Rivergrove area on April 22nd between 9-11am.

Agenda item: Commissioner Comments

Presenter: Derek Barry

Discussion: Commissioners Haase and Johnson shared interest in getting bulb flowers, ground cover strawberries, blueberries and huckleberries in our parks or along trails. Staff shared we do have some food bearing trees in several parks from an earlier partnership with Pierce County Conservation District.