



# Parks and Recreation Committee Minutes

Wednesday, March 4, 2021

4:00 PM

\*Virtual Meeting\*

Members:	Present:	Absent:	Commence: 4:00 PM Adjourn: 5:28 PM
Clyde Hill, Chair	x		
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Stanley Tombs	x		

Other City Council Members Present:

Staff Present: Lawrence Ellis, Parks, Community Programs & Services Director; Gwen Rathe, Administrative Assistant III; Gwen Voelpel, Deputy City Manager; Mike Fitzpatrick, Parks Projects & Operations Manager; Brian Tomisser, Recreation & Cultural Services Manager; Mark Johnsen, Senior Assistant City Attorney

1. Call to Order	Meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM by Councilmember Clyde Hill.
2. Approval of Minutes	Minutes from the December 16, 2020 meeting were approved as written.
3. Public Comment	None
4. 2021 Special Event Update	Brian Tomisser gave a presentation on 2021 special events. Recreation staff have come up with creative ideas and plans remain fluid to fit the State guidelines. Three new events include: Drive through egg hunt, drive through Halloween event, and "SeaTac Has Talent" virtual talent show.
5. Riverton Heights Park Update	Mike Fitzpatrick gave an update on Riverton Heights Park Phase 2 project. The project is moving along well and anticipate it being completed at the end of March. New amenities include: Preschool age play equipment, an additional half-court basketball court, irrigation for the central lawn area, and a new park sign on S. 150 <sup>th</sup> St. The

	<p>construction of this project is fully funded by a Community Development Block Grant.</p>
<p>6. Enter an Interlocal Agreement with King County for a grant of Conservation Futures Tax Levy funds to acquire property adjacent to Des Moines Creek Park from Washington State Department of Transportation for expansion of the park.</p>	<p>Lawrence Ellis gave a presentation on the expansion of Des Moines Creek Park and the additional property that needs to be acquired. He shared the project background, planned improvements, and funding sources.</p> <p>Lawrence is requesting a recommendation from this Committee to forward the topic to the City Council. City Council approval is necessary in order to enter an ILA with King County to accept the Conservation Futures Tax Levy funds needed to acquire the surplus property from Washington State Department of Transportation.</p> <p>The Committee agreed unanimously to forward this item to the City Council.</p>
<p>7. Tree Board Update</p>	<p>Mike Fitzpatrick gave an update on the tree work recently done in the City. His update included information on the tree inventory completed in 2020 and the urban forest restoration work done in North SeaTac Park.</p> <p>Mike shared the Tree Plotter information that was put together by the consultant who completed the tree inventory. The Tree Plotter identifies information about each tree including type, size, and the condition of the tree.</p> <p>For the urban forest restoration work in North SeaTac Park, the City worked with King Conservation District, Forterra, Partners in Employment, and SeaTac based stewards. These partners worked hundreds of hours removing invasive plants to restore the forested areas. The total area cover to date is approximately 4.5 acres.</p> <p>Mike hopes to hold a tree planting event in the fall.</p>
<p>8. Director's Update</p>	<p>Lawrence said staff has been meeting internally and with King County staff regarding Sunset Park. The topic will be brought to this Committee in April or May.</p> <p>The Senior Program and Human Services staff are working with Puget Sound Regional Fire Authority to get seniors in the community vaccinated.</p> <p>Mike Fitzpatrick submitted a letter of interest to King County for the Youth Sports Grant to fund a pump track. They accepted his letter and invited him to apply for a grant.</p> <p>Community Services Advisory Committee meets on Monday, March 8.</p>

	<p>The soccer/lacrosse fields at North SeaTac Park are heavily used. We are getting groups from Seattle and even Puyallup requesting to rent them.</p> <p>Lawrence recognized the Recreation staff for doing a great job of coming up with creative, virtual programming. Parks Operations staff has been keeping the play equipment clean and sanitized. Human Services is busy working on agency contracts.</p>
9. Good of the Order	<p>Councilmember Tombs mentioned that he got his second Covid-19 vaccine.</p> <p>Councilmember Hill said he attended the Arts, Culture &amp; Library Advisory Committee (ACLAC) meeting. They are still interested in adding art to the fence on S. 188<sup>th</sup> St.</p> <p>Councilmember Hill said maybe the Sunset Park topic could be brought to a Council Study Session so the entire Council can hear the report and save time.</p>
10. Adjourn	<p>The meeting was adjourned at 5:28 PM.</p>