



# Parks and Recreation Committee

## Minutes

Thursday, November 9, 2023

4:00 PM

\*Hybrid Meeting\*  
City Council Chambers

Commence: 4:00 PM

Adjourn: 4:58 PM

Members:	Present	Excused	Unexcused
Iris Guzmán, Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mohamed Egal	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Senayet Negusse	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other City Council Members Present:

Staff Present: Mary Tuttle, Parks & Recreation Director; Gwen Rathe, Administrative Assistant III; Gwen Voelpel, Deputy City Manager; Nicole Jones, Acting Recreation Manager; Jessica Ramirez, Special Event Coordinator; Ashley Birch, Acting Recreation Supervisor

Others Present: Bradley Harpin, Tukwila Metropolitan Pool District

1. Call to Order	Meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM by Chair Iris Guzmán.
2. Roll Call	Roll call was taken. See above.
3. Approval of Minutes	Minutes from the September 14, 2023, meeting were approved as written.
4. Public Comment	None
5. Summer Wrap-up	<p>Recreation staff shared a presentation regarding summer highlights. Ashely Birch, Acting Recreation Supervisor, said the youth camp had space for 55 kids per week, and six out of 11 weeks were at capacity, resulting in 97% capacity overall. 53% of the participants were from SeaTac and 35% received scholarship assistance. Lunch was provided to participants through Des Moines Area Food Bank.</p> <p>TnT summer camp for teens had space for 22 kids per week. Seven out of 11 weeks were at capacity, resulting in 97.5% capacity overall.</p>

	<p>59% of the participants were SeaTac residents and 42% received scholarship assistance.</p> <p>Jessica Ramirez, Special Event Coordinator said there were 21 special events over the summer. Events that exceeded attendance expectations were the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration, Friday Flix Movies, and SeaTac Kidz Nite.</p> <p>Nicole Jones, Acting Recreation Manager, said staff will continue to seek out partnerships to bring more activities to the summer camps. An exit survey is planned to get more input from participants and their parents. Staffing of programs continues to be an issue so will work on getting more Rec 3 positions filled prior to camp starting.</p> <p>Deputy Mayor Negusse and Councilmember Guzmán thanked recreation staff for their work. Councilmember Guzmán asked staff what they can do to support staff. Nicole said they can help publicize positions when they open.</p> <p>No Committee action is being requested as this presentation is for informational purposes only.</p>
<p>6. Tukwila Metropolitan Pool District – Water safety presentation</p>	<p>Bradley Harpin, Director of Aquatics Operations at Tukwila Metropolitan Pool District shared a presentation on water safety on waterfronts. He explained the differences between swimming indoors compared to swimming outdoors including conditions, and the effects of cold water on the body.</p> <p>Certification Programs to become a lifeguard are done by the following agencies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• American Red Cross</li><li>• YMCA</li><li>• Northwest Lifeguard Certification Test (needs to pair with American Red Cross)</li></ul> <p>He explained how he finds qualified lifeguards and the prerequisites. Tukwila Metropolitan Pool District works with new immigrant students and families to recruit.</p> <p>No Committee action is being requested as this presentation is for informational purposes only.</p>
<p>7. Response to CRF related to a Tennis Center</p>	<p>The Department is asking for the Parks and Recreation Committee’s support and a recommendation for not moving forward with the concept of an indoor tennis center.</p> <p>Councilmember Guzmán made a Motion to not move forward with the concept of a Raquet Sports Complex. The Motion passed unanimously.</p>
<p>8. Directors Update</p>	<p>Mary Tuttle gave an informational update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• We are happy to announce that Michael Fitzpatrick has been reclassified into the Deputy Director role.</li></ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Working on filling the Recreation Manager position.</li><li>• Recreation Specialists Erik Petersen and his wife had a baby and is currently on paternity leave.</li><li>• Parks Operations Worker position open.</li><li>• Senior programs just wrapped up their community survey. Staff worked hard to get 339 surveys completed. Trips, classes, and arts were the top areas of interest.</li><li>• Sought out a partnership with Tukwila Metropolitan Pool District but they are unable to partner with us to provide lifeguards at Angle Lake Park.</li><li>• Veteran’s Day Ceremony tomorrow at 10:00 AM at SeaTac Community Center.</li><li>• Holiday Tree Lighting on December 1.</li><li>• CIP projects – Thanks to Michael Fitzpatrick’s efforts, we received \$438K in grant funding this year, including a Recreation &amp; Conservation Office (RCO) grant for trail repairs at North SeaTac Park, plus grant funding from King County Parks Levy for fence repairs at Grandview Off-Leash Dog Park, and new lights for the BMX track.</li><li>• Part of Riverton Heights Park may need to be closed summer 2024 due to construction of the new spray park and restroom building.</li></ul>
	<p>The meeting was adjourned at 4:58 PM.</p>