



MEETING MINUTES SEQUIM CITY PARKS, ARBOR & RECREATION BOARD

Sequim Civic Center
152 West Cedar Street
Sequim, WA

February 22, 2022

(Held Tuesday due to 2/21 President's Day Holiday)

4:00 PM

Members: Maria Seabolt, Chair (present), Bill Biery (present), Patricia Knapp (present), Karen Kremkau (present), Wren Fierro-Burdick (listened-in via phone), Cathy Kurtz (not present)

Council Liaison: Tom Ferrell (present)

Staff Liaison: Hannah Merrill (present)

1. CALL TO ORDER – 4 PM

Maria Seabolt calls the meeting to order at 4:02. Meeting is quorate.

2. ROLL CALL / INTRODUCTIONS

All Present

3. APPROVAL OF FINAL AGENDA

Motion to approve agenda Karen Kremkau, seconded by Patricia Knapp. Motioned passed, the agenda approved as presented.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

5. GENERAL BUSINESS

5.1 **Passing of PARB Member, William Wrobel:**

February 1, 2022 Parks, Arbor & Recreation Board member William 'Bill' Wrobel passed away. He had attended the January 2022 meeting and was his usual thoughtful participant. Maria recognized Bill for his service to the city and to the PARB members and noted that a card would be sent to his family on behalf of the PARB. Bill Biery appreciated his service to the community and specifically on the advisory board, noting he was a strongly and widely recognized expert in a lot of areas, including his master gardener status and environmental engineering background. As the Botanical Garden and other entities process this loss, Hannah will report back if there is a tree or bench or way that Bill Wrobel's service will be honored.

5.2 **Minutes of January 18, 2022, PARB Meeting:**

Motion to approve agenda Karen Kremkau, seconded by Patricia Knapp. Motioned passed, the agenda approved as presented.

5.3 **Set date for Spring Parks Tour:**

In lieu of a May 16, 2022 PARB meeting, the PARB will meeting at City Hall at 3:00pm and take a van to do a parks tour to see a few select (4) City of Sequim Parks (Keeler; Gerhardt; Standard Ball; and Kirner Park). [Hannah followed up with PARB members Cathy Kurtz and Wren Fierro-Burdick and at this time, they're available to attend a 3pm field trip May 16.]

5.4 **Gerhardt and Keeler Park plans:**

Maria noted that these parks are the most undeveloped and, aside from Carrie Blake Park,

the largest parcels of the City of Sequim parks. Hannah noted that there are stipulations connected to the parcels, and she will research that and report back to the board in May on the planned field trip. Maria noted additional agreement conditions were negotiated with the family. Access to Keeler was discussed at WADOT is looking at improving the frontage road in the future, and possible connection with ODT. Bill Biery asked if the WADOT frontage road would cross Keeler park, he noted that is something to keep in mind.

6. REPORTS

6.1 Parks & Facilities Manager

Follow up: SMP Code 12:24; and 2022 City of Sequim Parks & Open Space Plan.

Hannah thanked the PARB for their work on these documents. The Code recommendations were reviewed by City legal dept. Legal allowed the change from Carrie Blake Park to Carrie Blake Community Park (recommendation noted by PARB member William Wrobel in January); and the rest remained as was written.

Parks Plan was adopted and moved forward by City Council, Hannah submitted the approved plan and WA Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) to RCO area lead, Beth Auerbach. This allows the City of Sequim to apply for RCO competitive grants.

6.2 PARB Member Reports.

None

7. OPEN PARB DISCUSSION

Maria reiterated appreciation of William 'Bill' Wrobel.

8. NEXT MEETING:

8.1 Regular PARB Meeting, Tuesday – March 22, 2022, at 4 p.m.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Maria S ends meeting at 4:59 p.m.