

AGENDA
GIG HARBOR PARKS COMMISSION MEETING
Wednesday, February 7, 2024 – 5:30 p.m.
Community Rooms

Optional Virtual Meeting Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/92140715051>
Call-in: (253) 215-8782 Meeting ID: 921 4071 5051

- I. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL**
- II. ELECTION OF CHAIR & VICE CHAIR**
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** November 8, 2023
- IV. PUBLIC COMMENT**
- V. DISCUSSION ITEMS**
 - A. 2024 Work Plan
- VI. STAFF REPORTS**
 - A. Parks Division Update – Parks Manager Jennifer Haro
 - B. City Administration Update – City Clerk Josh Stecker
- VII. COMMISSIONER REPORTS & COMMENTS**
- VIII. ADJOURN**

Next Regular Meeting: March 6, 2024

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CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL: Chair Ben Coronado called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Commissioners Stephanie Lile, Doug Smith, Justin Teerlinck, Les McCallum, and Stace Gordon were present. Louise Tieman was excused.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the October 4, 2023, parks commission meeting were unanimously approved.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

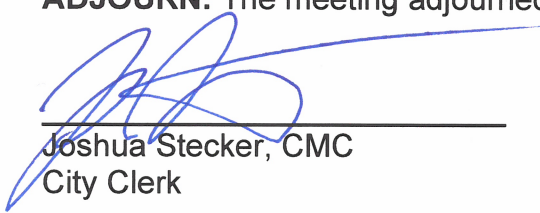
- A. Soundview Forest Park Playground Proposal – Downtown Waterfront**
Alliance Executive Director Carrienne Ekberg presented a proposal for developing play structures with Soundview Forest Park, noting that the scope of the project was significantly less expansive than initially presented.
- B. Gig Harbor Sports Complex Phase 2 & 3 Update – Parks Manager Jennifer Haro**
provided an update on Phases 2 & 3 with a preferred design alternative and reported on higher than anticipated cost estimates.

STAFF REPORTS:

- 1. Parks Division Update – Jennifer Haro** provided an update on several parks projects and efforts.
- 2. City Administration Update – City Clerk Josh Stecker** reported on activity from city administration and the city council. Commissioners expressed a desire to continue to hold their meeting in-person.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS: Stephanie Lile reported on the status of the Masonic Lodge restoration committee. The commission thanked Ben Coronado for his service on the commission.

ADJOURN: The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.



Joshua Stecker, CMC
City Clerk

PARKS COMMISSION

FEBRUARY 2024

Parks Division Updates

Lease Updates

Skansie Netshed Foundation – The Netshed Foundation is requesting alterations to their lease with the city in how public programming hours are calculated and who is responsible for claims resulting from people getting hurt in the building. It will be discussed at a future city council study session.

Projects

Commercial Fishing Homeport Design/Permitting – Staff is preparing more specific cost estimates for staffing and maintenance and will bring back to council at their February 2 retreat. City staff met with the National Marine Fishery

Crescent Creek Visioning/Master Plan – The committee working on the Lodge has sent out a survey about preferred uses for the building.

Skansie Netshed upgrades – The project has gone out to bid and closes on February 22.

Gig Harbor Sports Complex

Phase 1A – City council has agreed to provide funding for a portion of the Phase 1A portion of the Sports Complex, which includes two multipurpose sports fields. The city and the YMCA have also asked the state legislature for funding to help support the project. As a result of the increased funding for the city, the lease with the YMCA will need to be renegotiated.

Phase 1B – Permits have been issued. Engineering staff is going back and forth with the consultant on the final bid package, that will hopefully be advertised in February. Prior to breaking ground, the Gig Harbor Land Conservation Fund will host a small plant salvage event. After that event, city operations crews will bring machinery in to salvage some of the larger plants for use in parks elsewhere.

Phase 2 & 3 – At a study session on January 11, city council agreed to move forward with alternative D, which is the layout that has two fields on one level for Phase 3. The final master plan will be considered for adoption at the March 11 city council meeting.

Other Park Updates

txʷaalqəl Conservation Area – Negotiations with the property owners are still ongoing.

Park Fixture Updates – Crews are repairing, replacing or removing site furnishings throughout the parks in order to improve appearance and function.

Vandalism – There has been an uptick in vandalism at several parks and restrooms lately. Operations is working with the police department to try to deter it and avoid future occurrences.

Art at Austin Estuary Park - One of the canoes that was part of the Our Fisherman, Our Guardian carving at Austin Park on January 22 or 23. The city has been in touch with the artist about a fix, but we do not have an estimated cost or completion date at this time.



Soundview Forest – Nothing new to report.

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Apple Tree at Skansie Park – The tree was cut down on January 17. It had significant rot. The new silver maple was planted this week. Crews will bring in a stump grinder later to remove the stump.



Eddon Boat Bathrooms – The freezing temperatures on MLK Jr. weekend kept crews busy with a lot of frozen pipe issues all over the city. An insulated water pipe above the women's bathroom at Eddon Boat Park burst, soaking drywall and insulation in the bathrooms. ServePro came and removed the waterlogged materials and a contractor will be hired to replace the materials. In the meantime, the bathrooms are closed and a temporary portable restroom is in place.

Adam Tallman Trail – During a rainy period in December, a platform that had been installed in Adam Tallman Park floated over and deposited itself on the paved trail. The city has been in touch with Rush, who owns the land the park is on, and who installed the platform. They will work on demolishing and removing the platform.



Upcoming Special Events (pending permit approval)

- Paddler's Cup – 4/20-4/21
- Skansie Netshed Croation Dinner – 6/8
- Gig Harbor Pride – 6/22