

AGENDA
GIG HARBOR PARKS COMMISSION
Wednesday, March 5, 2025, 5:30 p.m.

Virtual Meeting Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/92140715051>

Call-in: (253) 215-8782 Meeting ID: 9921 4071 5051

- I. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL**

- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** February 5, 2024

- III. PUBLIC COMMENT**

- IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS**
 - a. Sports Complex Phase 1B Naming Resolution**
 - b. Sports Complex Stage Rental Follow-up**
 - c. Parks Code Discussion**
 - d. Parks Appreciation Day Planning**

- V. PARKS DIVISION UPDATE – Parks Manager Jennifer Haro**

- VI. COMMISSIONER REPORTS & COMMENTS**

- VII. ADJOURN**

Next Regular Meeting: Wed., April 2, 5:30pm

MINUTES
GIG HARBOR PARKS COMMISSION MEETING
Wednesday, February 5, 2025 - 5:30 p.m.
Civic Center Community Rooms

CALL TO ORDER/ ROLL CALL: Chair Louise Tieman called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Vice Chair Stephanie Lile, Commissioners Guy Magnus, Hanley Bonynge, Stace Gordon and Stephen McDuffie were present. Commissioners Kim Anderson and Stace Gordon were absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the December 4 meeting were unanimously approved.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

A. Election of Chair and Vice Chair-

Motion: Commissioner McDuffie moved to nominate Commissioner Tieman as president (Bonynge second) Motion passes unanimously

Motion: Commissioner McDuffie moved to nominate Commissioner Bonynge as Vice Chair (Magnus second) Motion passes unanimously

B. Sports Complex Rules/Pickleball- Commissioners discussed initial language to be posted on signs and rules at the new Sports Complex and pickleball courts.

C. Ancich Boat Storage Fees- Commissioners reviewed the proposed changes to the Ancich Boat Storage program, converting from a 6-month rental to a 12-month rental period, with updated pricing.

Motion: Commissioner Bonynge moved to adopt new changes as presented (Tieman second) – motion passes unanimously

D. Parks Appreciation Day- date options were discussed for Parks Appreciation Day in 2025.

Motion: Commissioner Bonynge moved to suggest Saturday, May 3 as the date of PAD 2025 (Tieman second) – motion passes unanimously

E. 2025 Work Plan Review – Parks Manager Haro briefly explained the 2022-2025 work plan and answered related questions

PARKS DIVISION UPDATES:

Parks Manager Jennifer Haro updated the commission about the progress of Capital projects inside of City parks, as well as information about upcoming event around the city

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

Scott Keely

Public Works Assistant- Parks



PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Parks Commission

FROM: Jennifer Haro, Parks Manager

DATE: February 27, 2025

SUBJECT: Sports Complex Phase 1B Naming Recommendation

The City is planning to order a sign and do significant outreach about Phase 1B as its opening date gets closer. One last major piece toward the opening of the park is a name for the park.

In accordance with the naming policy for parks, city council directed staff to move forward with the naming process for this park. The city solicited names from the public, which allowed people to fill out a form with their submission. There was an optional column which allowed people to list reasons why they suggested the name. The attached list has all the submitted name suggestions.

Staff is looking for a name to recommend to city council, which will make the final decision. Parks Commission's recommendation does not need to come from this list. Administration is suggesting a name such as "_____ Community Park at Gig Harbor Sports Complex" to tie this phase of the project to the larger sports complex, which is not built out yet.

Staff's top recommendations from the submitted list include:

- Doris Brown Heritage Community Park
- Terry Lee Community Park
- Harbor Hill Community Park
- Swift Water Community Park
- Artena Community Park

Parks commission will make a recommendation to city council for consideration at their March 13 study session. At the study session, they will recommend a name and direct staff to prepare a resolution for adoption at a regular council meeting.

Park Name Suggestion:	First Name	Last Name	City	Zip Code	Reason for Suggested Name:
Doris Heritage Sports Park	Nancy	Fraze	Gig Harbor	98335	There is only one athlete, male or female, who had a career that was legendary enough to represent Gig Harbor on Sports Illustrated's Top 50 Athletes from Washington list. Her name is Doris Heritage, who at one time was the best female long-distance runner in the world and the only one to win a remarkable five cross-country world championships in a row, from 1967 to 1971.
Drago Kalafatich field	Maria	Kalafatich	Gig Harbor	98335	My father coached soccer here in Gig Harbor for many teams for girls & boys. You can ask anyone about my dad playing & coaching soccer both outdoor & indoor. He volunteered all his time after work, nights & weekends to coach soccer.
California Retrograde Apolitical Plastic Soccer Mom Entertainment And Recreation Complex	Justin	Teerlinc	Gig Harbor	98335	This name honors the cultural diversity and heritage of Gig Harbor, and its contribution to society at-large. It also alludes to the industrialized landscape, and local norms regarding use of green space. It is hoped that the honor bestowed by the name might also be accompanied by a flag featuring an anthropomorphized soccer ball in a blond wig winking whilst offering an enthusiastic thumbs up.
Landry Park	Dustin	Landry	Vashon	98070	Graduate from GH in 1993, Small business owner. Just thought it had a great ring to it, Father passed away and he was a local Gig Harbor resident.
Terry Lee Sports Complex	Diane	Bertram	Gig Harbor	98332	Terry Lee succumbs to sudden illness while visiting Greek isle POSTED ON JUNE 10TH, 2024 BY: ED FRIEDRICH Gig Harbor lost a true statesman last week. Community Sponsor Community stories are made possible in part by Peninsula Light Co, a proud sponsor of Gig Harbor Now. Terry Lee, who served the area in one capacity or another for 35 years, died of a sudden illness June 6 during a trip to Greece. He was 77. Lee and his wife of 52 years, Donna, were a day away from returning from a 21-day Greek visit when Terry began feeling ill. He was admitted to a hospital on the Greek island of Lesbos, where he passed away five days later, said Steve Wilkin, husband of Terry's sister Jeni. Terry, the eldest of Ethel Miller's four children, grew up in University Place and graduated from Curtis High School in 1964. He became familiar with the Gig Harbor area while enjoying the family cabin on Henderson Bay. Terry Lee speaking during an event. Photo by Robyn Denson Though it's been several years since he'd run 21 marathons and twice climbed Mount Rainier, Lee remained the picture of health. Tall. Tanned from frequent journeys south. Crowned by thick, white hair. His demise came as a shock to many. Lee worked as an electrician for local construction companies for 29 years. He managed the electrical, security, fire alarm and phone systems on large projects, including Gig Harbor Civic Center, Peninsula Light's facility, Kopachuck Middle School, Discovery and Minter Creek elementary schools and Bremerton High School. 10 years on Planning Commission He served on the first county Land Use Advisory Committee, beginning in 1983. Eight years later he joined the county Planning Commission and represented Gig Harbor for 10 years. After reaching his term limit, he ran for the Pierce County Council in 2001 and served eight years. His planned retirement was interrupted when PenMet Parks came calling. He served the district as executive director for another eight years. A four-year gap separated Lee's eight years as the county's District 7 representative with Derek Young's eight years in the seat. Staff remembered, and adored, Lee. They considered him somebody great to work with, said Young, now interim executive director of Washington State Association of Counties. They appreciated his attention to the job. Terry was a worker. You can't always say that about a lot of elected officials. A lot of good was done when he was there. Terry Lee hamming it up while with PenMet Parks. Photo courtesy of Macaroni Kids Gig Harbor Lee took the lead on land use and environmental issues, Young said. He was also largely responsible for transferring Gig Harbor-area properties intended for parks but never developed to the new PenMet Parks. One of his proudest moments was helping the county buy financially struggling Tacoma Narrows Airport from the city of Tacoma in 2008 and
Tide and Paddle Park	Dan	Munn	Gig Harbor	98335	Celebrating both the fishing heritage of the area and the dynamic nature of the park's sports activities
Gig Harbor Sports Complex	Harris	Atkins	Gig Harbor	98335	It's descriptive. It conveys that the people of Gig Harbor paid for it. While it is tempting, I'm sure, please don't sell the naming rights to a commercial or nonprofit organization
Harborenea	Paul	Beatty	Gig Harbor	98332	Or Gig Harborenea. Sports complexes are often Arenas. It just immediately came to mind.
Sporty McSportface	Bea	Sardinsky	Gig Harbor	98332	https://www.rmg.co.uk/stories/topics/rrs-sir-david-attenborough/boaty-mcboatface-naming-ship https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-36225652
Harbor Courtside	Douglas	Smith	GIG HARBOR	98335	Bocce and Pickleball Courts
Apollo	Robin	Hebert	Gig Harbor	98335	Apollo was associated with the arts.
HARBOR HILL COMMUNITY PARK	Anne	Smith	Gig Harbor	98332	Connect location with purpose of amenities
The Regatta Sports & Social Club	Sue	Elkin	Gig Harbor	98335	It's connected to maritime culture. The name suggests a feeling of belonging to something special. It would be easy to market and you could sell sweatshirts, hats, mugs, flags, tote bags, etc.
Action Wins	R	Floyd	Gig Harbor	98335	Promotes the idea of moving and being healthy
Shenandoah Field	Wendy	Ferrell	Gig Harbor	98335	2025 is the 100th anniversary of the building of the Shenandoah. It would be meaningful to name the fields after old Gig Harbor fishing vessels.
Hugh McMillan Sports Complex	Francesco	Ortenzo	Gig Harbor	98332	Hugh dedicated his life to Gig Harbor kids. I can think of no better way to honor his legacy and no one more deserving.
YMCA Sports Complex	Carolyn	Jenkins	Gig Harbor	98335	It will always be easy to get directions or locate if it's next to the YMCA.
Charles Wilkes Park	Isaiah	LaCombe	Gig Harbor	98332	First explorer to Gig Harbor's Shores
Blue Ocean	Zuri	Zink	GIG HARBOR	98332-512	Blue is a good color and Gig Harbor is near the ocean (from a 5 year old)
Swift Water Park	Tommy	Jackson	Gig Harbor	98332-794	A connection to the new elementary school that allows for an expression of cultural togetherness instead having separate names for both places.
Harbor Hill Park	Justin	Tims	Gig Harbor	98332	Named for the neighborhood
Artena Community Park	Stephanie	Lite			An area at the north end of the Harbor that shows up on numerous maps, although it never really stuck in the local vernacular
Heritage Sports Park/Complex	Stephanie	Lite			In honor of Doris Brown Heritage, but Heritage also can mean other things



PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Parks Commission
 FROM: Jennifer Haro, Parks Manager
 DATE: February 27, 2025
 SUBJECT: Sports Complex Performance Shelter

With the opening of Phase 1B of the Sports Complex around the corner (likely April or May), the city is looking to consider how to manage the performance shelter. Scott Keely did some research on other cities, shown below.

Curran Apple Orchard Band Shell	City of UP	free (over 50 attendees requires a SEP)
Pioneer Park Rotary Bandstand	City of Puyallup	\$25/hr (resident) \$50/hr (non resident) \$250 refundable deposit. <i>"Special Events that include a live musical performance as part of an overall event and have no more than two performers with a portable PA system will be considered for approval. No live performance of any type will be allowed if the City determines that such live performance is likely to create a public nuisance or public disturbance noise. No bands or amplification of performers utilizing sound boards or large speaker systems are allowed. Amplification should not be audible beyond 100 ft of the stage area by a person of normal hearing. See also PMC 6/16.050 Public Nuisances and disturbance noises."</i> <i>"Events that impact overall park use, parking, or surrounding traffic may be required to submit a Special Events Permit."</i>
Cromwell Park Picninc Shelter & Amplitheater	City of Shoreline	Half Day: \$91 (resident) \$116 (noresident) Full Day \$133 (resident) \$166 (non resident) Park & Open Space permit from city required (fees vary) Strict noise policy attached to application <i>"The amplification will not prevent my guests and/or the general public from holding a conversation at normal volume at a distance of 30 feet or more from the source of the amplification."</i>

Staff is looking for a recommendation from the parks commission about stage rentals and a suggested rate structure.