



PARK AND CEMETERY BOARD

MINUTES

**City Hall Council Chambers, 435 Martin Street, Suite 4000
Thursday, August 27, 2020**

Call to order at 8:58 AM

Roll call: Janet Pickard, Bob Kirby, Michael King (absent), Paul Freeman (excused), Chris Monson (absent), Jim Hermesen, Sandy Miller.

Staff Present: Alex Wenger, Economic Development and Tourism Coordinator; Stacie Pratschner, Community Development Services Director. Greg Burg, Public Works Maintenance and Operations Supervisor.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

- August 27, 2020 agenda;
- March 12, 2020 Parks and Cemetery Board meeting minutes;
- July 9, 2020 Parks and Cemetery Board meeting minutes.

MOTION TO APPROVE MARCH 12, 2020 MEETING MINUTES BY SANDY MILLER. SECONDED JANET PICKARD. UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

MOTION TO APPROVE JULY 9, 2020 MEETING MINUTES WITH CORRECTIONS BY BOB KIRBY. SECONDED BY JANET PICKARD. UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

- Sonia Hurt requested that the City allow the Salishan Neighborhood Association to install soccer goals in the Salishan Park.

MOTION TO ACCEPT ON A PROVISIONAL BASIS INSTALLATION OF SOCCER GOALS IN SALISHAN PARK BY JIM HERMSEN. SECONDED JANET PICKARD. UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

REOCCURRING BUSINESS

- Public Works Department reported on park maintenance and operations. Board members asked questions and had a discussion;

- The CDS Department gave an update on park related Capital Improvements including the ALEA grant application for Marine Park beach, Cain Creek Pedestrian Bridge and Trail Project, and improvements to Marine Park irrigation system;
- CDS staff gave an update to board members on the Blaine by the Sea rebranding campaign.

NEW BUSINESS

- The CDS Department proposed a resolution to extend the emergency order to waive restrictions on public plazas (Resolution 1821-20). Board members had a discussion following the proposal.

MOTION MADE BY JIM HERMSEN TO RECOMMEND THAT CITY COUNCIL CONTINUE RESOLUTION 1821-20* INCLUDING THE USE OF G AND H STREET PLAZAS, FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE COMMUNITY, UNTIL SUCH TIME THAT THE CITY COUNCIL DETERMINES THAT THE PANDEMIC EMERGENCY HAS BEEN RESOLVED. THE PARK & CEMETERY BOARD FURTHER ENCOURAGES CITY COUNCIL TO ACCOMMODATE ALL REASONABLE REQUESTS BY LOCAL BUSINESSES FOR USE OF THE PLAZAS, INCLUDING OUTDOOR HEATERS, CANOPIES, SHETLERS AND WINDBREAKS, WHILE ENSURING A PORTION OF THE PLAZAS REMAIN OPEN FOR THE PUBLIC. SECONDED BY JANET PICKARD. UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

***Resolution number has been corrected from 1800-20 to 1821-20.**

- Staff and board members discussed strategies and procedures for vegetation maintenance within City parks.

ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

- Ms. Pickard gave a recommendation for the maintenance of cemetery headstones.
- Mr. Hermesen requested that the record show that he interacted with a PW staff member at the Cemetery.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- Next meeting scheduled for Thursday September 10, 2020

Adjournment 10:27 A.M.