

City of Lake Forest Park
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
Regular Meeting Summary
17425 Ballinger Way NE – Lake/Forest Room
May 28, 2019

Regular Meeting:

Call to Order – 7:03 PM

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Members Present:

Max Beuter, Olivia Baetz, Tyler Dittman, Tony Auriemma, Paula Karlberg

Others Present:

Residents: Mike Dee, Sally Yamasaki, Julian Anderson, Dan Benson, Natalie Pascale Boisseau, Donna Hawkey

Staff Present:

Cory Roche - Community Volunteer Coordinator

Welcome and Introductions

Review/Approve March Meeting Minutes:

Olivia motioned to approve meeting minutes, Tony second motion, approved unanimously.

SPU/Five Acre Woods Naming Survey:

The Board acknowledged the large community support for a version of Five Acre Woods and agreed to some version of this name. Olivia stated she likes the version of 'woods' with the S, as she references the Stewardship Foundation's letter of explanation that was sent to the Board. The Board members also agreed that the spelling of five should be spelt out in the name.

Tony likes the idea of naming a future trail in the park and include educational signage to incorporate the Lushootseed language of the local indigenous people in Lake Forest Park. A greeting on the sign with the native language could also be incorporated in the design. Tyler brought up if the indigenous language is incorporated into this park, should it be included in others? The group agreed this could be discussed at a later time but like the idea of incorporating educational information into this park.

Paula states that Five Acre Woods would be the final council recommendation.

Tyler motioned Five Acre Woods to be the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board's recommended to the Mayor and City Council, Olivia second the motion, approved unanimously.

Animal Acres Picnic Shelter Updates:

The City is still looking at location and mitigation options. The Public Agency Utility Exception (PAUE) process will begin this summer.

Horizon View Tennis Court:

A contractor has been selected to resurface the tennis court that will happen the second week of July. This is as long as the weather cooperates. The basketball court will be restriped at this time as well.

Tony mentioned that there are a lot of joggers and that a 'workout' or 'stretching' station(s) along the track could possibly be a good addition.

Max likes the idea of connecting the park trails and would still like to look into finding funding for a second tennis court. He would also like to look at the sticker bush area to see if it could be used for anything.

City Sponsored Summer Events

Cory gave out dates of summer events.

Tony mentioned to look at Planet Fitness for sponsorship opportunities.

Other Business:

Max said the Lake Haven property went down \$100,000. Paula mentioned in August the KC Parks levy will be up for vote, the levy would help park projects in our area.

Public Comments:

Natalie commended the Board for the name suggestion of Five Acre Woods. She believes it is an inclusive name for the community and the nature of the park that reflects including all future generations. Natalie read a statement from Anne Stadler that supported the Lushootseed language into the park.

Julian mentioned he enjoyed the conversation of the Board. He brought attention to the Horizon View Apple Trees, the volunteer may be looking at an apprentice to help maintain trees. Julian likes the parks/trail connection Max brought up through parks and natural areas, the Stewardship Foundation would like to support this as well.

Dan stated he has lived a couple blocks away for 40+ years and helped raised funds for the park and likes the name chosen for the park. Recently he went up to Vancouver BC and saw signs with different language on them that caught his attention and made him look into it. He thinks that adding language like the Lushootseed in will allow acknowledgement for future generations and is a nice recognition to the people who were here before us, believes it is continuing history and interest into heritage.

Sally stated she appreciates the Board and wants to bring attention to the language that was first spoken here. She grew up in this area but mentioned the story of the Lushootseed was not taught up in her history lessons growing up but has stated being taught in the schools. She strongly encourages the group to consider including the language in name to bring the history alive. She read a letter from Julie Hanger, which stated including a translation in the language supports the debt we owe in the woods.

Donna Hawkey mentioned she does write-ups for the Shoreline Area News and is happy of the final name being recommended. She recently attended a presentation by Vickie at the Shoreline Historical Museum on the Lushootseed, stated that we don't really know the history. There is a book that describes the residential area on how it was developed but is missing some of the native information. She thinks that bringing the

history back into the park would be a very good win. Mentioned she was surprised when the mansion was not even well known around the area and that local history should be more acknowledged.

Mike thanked the group for the public process and for the consideration of translating. Thinks there should be a Portland Loo at Horizon View and Animal Acres. Stated there is some funds left over from \$300,000 funds of Public Works. Thanks NUD for the water fountain donation. He likes the idea of additional pickle ball courts near the tennis court. Stated that the levy is up for vote in August and there will be some new money for the north end. Mike brought Lake Haven flyers and it has gone down \$100,000.

Paula mentioned there is a memorial that recognizes Native Americans across the street from the old guitar building.

Tyler asked what they would like translated, the group stated that it may not be a literal translation but a concept and talked of how a Lushootseed translation would be incorporated into the park.

Adjourn:

8:15 PM