



**PARKS ADVISORY BOARD MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, March 12, 2025 – 5:00 PM  
1015 STATE AVE  
MARYSVILLE, WA 98270**

**MINUTES**

**Park Advisory Board Members Present:**

Tom King - City Council Representative  
Mike Leighan - Chairperson  
Brooke Hougan  
Marques Oliver  
Sharon Kanehen  
Tom Lewis – absent  
Jodi Condyles  
Noah Pylvainen – absent

**Parks and Recreation Staff Present:**

Tara Mizell - Director of Parks  
Dave Hall - Assistant Director of Parks  
Jane Shafer - Parks Administrative  
Specialist  
Amandeep Kaur – Parks Associate  
Dana Barstad – Cultural Arts Supervisor  
Jeramie Roth – Parks Maint. Supervisor  
Adam Benton – Project Engineer

**Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance**

Meeting called to order at 5:03pm.

**VISITORS IN THE AUDIENCE:**

None

**MINUTES:**

**MOTION** made by Brooke Hougan to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2025 meeting. Sharon Kanehen abstained from voting because she was absent from this meeting. Seconded by Jodi Condyles. **MOTION** passes unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. Stormwater Project at Jennings**

Adam Benton, Project Engineer, gave a Power Point presentation on the stormwater project at Jennings. The city applied for a grant in October 2023. City Council approved the grant agreement February 2025. Total cost for this project is \$612,621.18. The grant pays \$520,728 and city pays \$91,893.18. The Dept. of Ecology will pay for eligibility costs.

The project proposes two retrofits: 1. Retrofit of an existing legacy stormwater facility to treat stormwater from Parkside Estates. 2. The installation of a new stormwater treatment, which will treat previously untreated stormwater from 64<sup>th</sup> St. N.E. (SR528).

**Project Benefits:**

- Treat previously untreated stormwater
- Improve the water quality in Allen Creek
- Leveraging grant funds to achieve peripheral benefits to Jennings Park
- Public education opportunities
- Park Beautification
- High cost: benefit ration
- Continued partnership with Dept of Ecology
- Strong possibility of Ecology funding for construction

**Next Step – through 90% design**

1. Consultant selection – commencing April 2025
2. Council approval of PSA – May or June 2025
3. Initiate design – August 2025

**2. Special Events Spring/Summer**

Dana Barstad gave a presentation to update everyone on special events happening at Parks:

- Treat Your Self Women’s Expo was at the Opera House March 1.
- Irish Celebration is this Sunday, March 16. This event is sold out.
- Talent Show was March 7 and was sold out.
- Elton John Tribute Band is April 18.
- Chicago Tribute Band is May 9.
- Easter Egg Hunt is April 19 in Jennings Park.
- Earth Day Cleanup is April 22 and will take place at Gissberg Twin Lakes from 2-6pm.
- Shamrock Hunt is taking place through Sunday at Gissberg Twin Lakes.
- Two fishing derbies –
  1. May 3 at Jennings Park
  2. May 17 at Gissberg Twin Lakes
- Mother’s Day Celebration on May 9 and Father’s Day Celebration on May 4. Both will take place at Community Center.
- Mother Lovin’ Market May 4 at Jennings Park from 10am-3pm.
- New event, Summer Splash Family Festival, at Comeford Park on July 19 from 11am-2pm.
- Music concerts will move to Comeford Park this year – three kid’s concerts at noon on Wednesday and three family concerts at 5:30 on Wednesday. The Farmer’s Market will take place in Comeford Park this year on Wednesdays and will stay open during Wednesday evening family concerts.
- Movies will be Friday evenings this year in Jennings Park.
- 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration will take place at Ebey Waterfront Park again this year.
- Pickleball tournament September 12-14 at pickleball courts in Jennings Park.

**3. Memorial Application**

Dave passed out the rewording for the memorial for Patty Jean Hernandez, “In loving memory of Patty Jean Hernandez Sept 26, 1962-Jan 3, 2025 She will be forever in our hearts and souls...”. The family is donating \$5,000 for a new bench, pad and garbage can. A hummingbird will also be put on the plaque. The memorial bench will be placed by the old stormwater pond in Jennings

Nature Park. **MOTION** made by Jodi Condyles to approve the wording for the memorial for Patty Jean Hernandez as written. Seconded by Sharon Kanehen. **MOTION** passes unanimously.

#### **4. Comprehensive Plan Update**

Tara, Dave and Amandeep are working on updating the comprehensive plan. The tree canopy needs to be addressed. Community Development and GIS departments are gathering information for this. Amandeep has made a survey in Survey Monkey for the public to take. The goal is to have a draft done by early fall.

#### **5. New Park Signs – Neighborhood Park Signs**

Jeramie brought a new park sign for Kiwanis Park. Staff recommending use of the same concept that the city has used for city signs. Kiwanis donated the money to get this sign made. Everyone liked the sign.

#### **6. Public Meeting for Mother Nature’s Window**

There will be a public meeting for Mother Nature’s Window on March 19 at 6pm at Civic Center in Council Chambers. 340 invitations were mailed out to the neighbors of the park.

### **Staff Reports**

#### **Jeramie Roth**

- Maintenance is gearing up for spring cleaning in the parks.
- Maintenance replaced two pieces at the Dinosaur Park. It just reopened today.
- Spring seesaws were installed at Harborview Park.

#### **Tara Mizell**

- Cameras were installed today at Gissberg Twin Lakes.
- Cedarcrest Golf ad is going out tomorrow for irrigation project.
- Cedarcrest Golf Proshop is investigating replacing the old credit card machines.
- Tara is working on the Strawberry Festival permit, and then it will go to City Council for approval.

### **Call on Board Members**

Jodi commented the newly installed lighted park signs look fantastic. She mentioned that some of the neighbors on Sunnyside by the neighborhood grocer are upset about the construction on 64<sup>th</sup> and 51<sup>st</sup>. She heard there was a petition going around for signatures.

Brooke Hougan asked about the memorial the public has set up at the Twin Lakes. Tara has met with the parents of the deceased, and they were give a memorial application for a possible bench in its place in the future.

Tom King is looking forward to the Farmer’s Market moving to Comeford Plaza this summer.

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION** made by Sharon Kanehen to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Jodi Condyles. **MOTION** passes unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:09pm.