

**CITY OF MONROE
PARK BOARD MINUTES
September 20, 2018**

Call To Order

Chairperson Tami Kinney called the Park Board meeting to order at 7:01pm in the City Hall Council Chambers.

Roll Call

Board Members Present: Tami Kinney, Devlin Piplic, Shawna Fischer, Jessie Robinson, Michael Stanger

Board Members Absent: Steve Whalen, Ron Petrick

Agenda Revisions – None

Approval of Minutes - Motion was made by Michael Stanger and seconded by Jessie Robinson to approve the minutes of the August 16, 2018 meeting. Motion carried 5-0.

Audience Participation – Finance Director Becky Hasart updated the Board that the City's proposed 2019 budget will be presented to the City Council on September 25, 2019. The proposed budget includes the two new parks positions that the Board had recommended. A Public Hearing of the proposed budget is scheduled for October 9, 2019.

Unfinished Business – *2019 Parks & Recreation Department Budget Organizational Staffing* – Parks & Recreation Director Mike Farrell presented a background on the department's preliminary budget requests regarding organizational staffing needs, and provided additional information as requested by the Park Board during their August meeting, namely functions that would be addressed in 2019 by the new positions, and also information from surveying parks and recreation departments in other cities for comparable organizational staffing arrangements.

New Business – *Park Plan 6-year Park Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) List* – The Board reviewed the draft Park Plan 6-year Park Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) list. Motion made by Devlin Piplic to recommend that the Monroe City Council consider adoption of the Park Plan 6-year Park Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) list as written, seconded by Shawna Fischer. Motion passed 5-0.

East County Parks & Recreation District (ECPRD) Joint Park Bond/Levy – Directors Farrell and Hasart updated the Board on staff discussions with the ECPRD on potential partnering to fund park improvements within the District, which would include Monroe. Director Hasart walked the Board through potential tax impacts from an \$18 million voted bond and discussed suggested milestones for a November 2019 vote. Staff noted that the Board is invited to participate in a joint meeting on the subject with the City Council, representatives from Snohomish County Parks and the ECPRD on October 2, 2018.

October 2018 Agenda/Work Plan Review – The Board reviewed the work plan for the October meeting and noted Heritage Tree and living Christmas tree programs discussion.

Staff Reports/Updates – Director Farrell distributed copies of the department update for activities and park events.

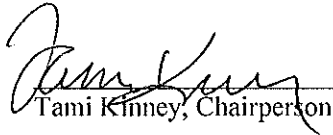
Board Discussion – Board Member Stanger stated for the record that after viewing Lewis Street Park as part of the Park Board Tour, he favors the proposed playground upgrade to include a climbing wall or similar structure.

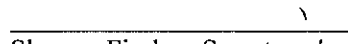
Agency Reports- Planning Commission – Board Member Stanger reported that the Planning Commission has been busy meeting weekly reviewing and making recommendations for an update to the City's Universal Development Code (UDC). Areas of focus include non-conforming standards, subdivisions process and setbacks.

School District – Board Member Piplic reported that the Monroe School District completed three projects and have held or scheduled grand openings for Park Place Middle and Salem Woods schools; and are starting projects at Hidden River Elementary and Chain Lake Elementary schools.

Adjournment

Motion by Devlin Piplic and seconded by Jessie Robinson to adjourn. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:38 pm.


Tami Kinney, Chairperson


Shawna Fischer, Secretary