



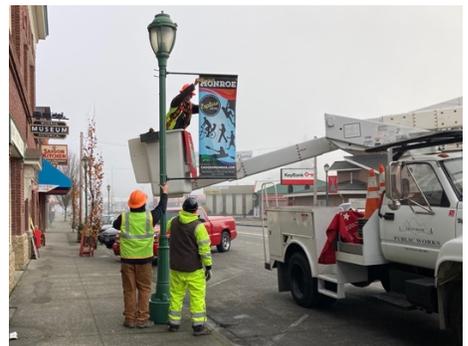
Mission

Protect and enhance the natural beauty of Monroe through the development of a vibrant system of parks, open space, and trails. Provide citizens of all age's positive recreational opportunities in clean, safe, and accessible recreation facilities. Enhance health, quality living and the natural environment for future generations.

Department Update

Operations

In November, Parks and Recreation Department team members kept up with daily recreation use at the Lake Tye All-Weather Fields. Department maintenance work included playground repairs, cleaning up leaves, completing the final mowing for the year, Spring preparation by planting Daffodil bulbs in the median end caps on Main Street and Lewis Street, and winterizing the Parks irrigation systems. They also decorated downtown and highway 2 for the holidays. With all the rain last month, the parks department managed park closures due to flooding in Al Borlin Park and Sky River Park and handled the after math of the flooded parks which includes trail maintenance and adding gravel to repair flood damage from November's and past flooding.



Left: Flooding, Middle: Winter Maintenance, Right: Holiday Decorating on Main Street.

Thank You to Local Volunteers

Thank you to the Monroe Seventh-day Adventist Church for their volunteer day of service the weekend of Thanksgiving. The group of volunteers came out on a cold weekend and picked up garbage along 191st Ave SE. Our Parks Department crew then picked up and disposed of the garbage they collected.



Light Up Monroe November 28th

The weather held out and the community was able to come together in person for Light Up Monroe. The event included Santa & Mrs. Claus, a Car Cruise, Cocoa and Cookies, Christmas Carols and more. 5pm kicked off the annual countdown to the lighting of the tree which was led by our very own, Mayor Thomas. Thank you to the Monroe Chamber of Commerce for hosting the event and to the event sponsors for making it happen: Grocery Outlet, Monroe Boys & Girls Club, Natural Factors, Windermere Monroe, Edward Jones - Financial Advisor: Brian Metcalf, Brookdale Monroe, Community Transit, Hill Street Cleaners. Light Sponsors: Windemere Monroe, Penrith Home Loans, Sally Petty - American Family Insurance Agent, Speedway Chevrolet, Jones Family Orthodontics, The Church at Maltby. Thank you to Tyler Reeves and Matt Donovan for staffing the event, delivering the City's stage, and successfully lighting the tree.



Left: Winner of the lighted car cruise.



Living Christmas Tree Program

Monroe's living Christmas tree program kicks off for the 2021 season. Anyone in the community can purchase a living Christmas tree in a container, and then donate it to our city parks so that everyone can enjoy it for years to come.

Park Board Meetings/ Parks, Recreation & Open Space (PROS) Plan Update

A Special Joint Meeting of the Planning Commission and Park Board was held on Monday, November 15 at 5:30pm where staff from contracted consultant firm MIG presented the draft Parks, Recreation & Open Space (PROS) Plan and took questions and comments from Board and Commission members. A refined draft plan is scheduled to then be presented to the Monroe City Council during their **December 7, 2021 Study Session**. After the December 7, 2021, Council meeting, staff and MIG will incorporate Board/Commission, Staff and Council's feedback into the draft document prior to the final review.

Remaining schedule to adoption of the Plan include:

- December 7, 2021 - City Council reviews/provides feedback on the draft PROS
- December 14, 2021 - Finance Committee reviews and provides recommendation on the parks impact fees
- January 10, 2022 - Planning Commission reviews the proposed amendments to Chapter 7 of the comp plan, draft PROS Plan, and proposed amendment to the impact fees.
- January 24, 2022 - Planning Commission holds a public hearing on the proposed amendments to Chapter 7 of the comp plan, draft PROS Plan, and proposed amendment to the impact fees.
- February 8, 2022 - City Council holds the first reading on the proposed amendments to Chapter 7 of the comp plan, draft PROS Plan, and proposed amendment to the impact fees.
- February 21, 2022 - City Council takes final action on the proposed amendments to Chapter 7 of the comp plan, draft PROS Plan, and proposed amendment to the impact fees.

The proposed PROS Plan must be adopted by February 28, 2022, to be eligible for 2022-2023 Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) grant cycle.

City Parks Unmarked Trails Inspections

In 2017, a weekly maintenance monitoring emphasis by park staff was initiated on unmarked trails at Al Borlin and Sky River Parks to identify and resolve, in cooperation with our Police Department, any unlawful encampments that may occur in City parks. Attached is the comprehensive data from 2017 to the present. The following is a summary of data for the past month:

Locations: Lake Tye Park

DATE	TOTAL LABOR HOURS	# BAGS OF LITTER COLLECTED	NOTES
11/9	.5	0	1 Camp found at Lake Tye Park. Police contacted.
11/17	4	12	
Avg.	2.25	6	
			See attached Parks Homeless Response Data 2018- 2021

Volunteer Opportunities

If you are interested in volunteering for the City of Monroe, please contact Katie Darrow at (360) 863-4519. Visit the City website www.monroewa.gov for information on upcoming programs and events.



MONROE PLANNING COMMISSION

Special Joint Park Board Meeting
Monday, November 15, 2021, 5:00 PM
Zoom Online Meeting Platform

Chair
Jay Bull

Commissioners
Bridgette Tuttle, Vice Chair;
Kyle Fisher; Elly Britt;
Dionne Miller, Liz Nugent;
& Mike Stanger

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Bull called the meeting to order at 5:02pm

2. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Commissioner Dionne Miller, Commissioner Liz Nugent, Chair Jay Bull, and Commissioner Kyle Fisher

EXCUSED: Vice Chair Bridgette Tuttle, Commissioner Michael Stanger, and Commissioner Elly Britt

STAFF PRESENT: Permit Technician Leigh Anne Barr, Community Development Director Ben Swanson, and Parks & Recreation Director Mike Farrell

PRESENT: Boardmember Tami Kinney, Boardmember Ron Petrick, Boardmember Jessie Robinson & Boardmember Devlin Piplick
EXCUSED: Boardmember Daniel Enrico & Boardmember Keith Dahlenburg

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

5. PUBLIC HEARING

6. OLD BUSINESS

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1. Draft Parks, Recreation, and Open Space (PROS) Plan - Mike Farrell

Parks Director Mike Farrell introduced the Parks, Recreation and Open Space (PROS) Plan update project. Director Farrell then introduced Cindy Mendoza with MIG who presented the Draft PROS Plan to the joint meeting with the goal of getting feedback on the plan.

The Commissioners and Boardmembers asked questions about the plan and provided feedback as requested.

Commissioner Dionne Miller moved to recommend the draft PROS Plan for City Council review and potential adoption with the corrections that were noted in this meeting including the Mayor's letter and the executive summary and the minor corrections that were discussed. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Liz Nugent. On vote, motion carried 4-0.

8. DISCUSSION BY COMMISSIONERS & STAFF

9. ADJOURNMENT

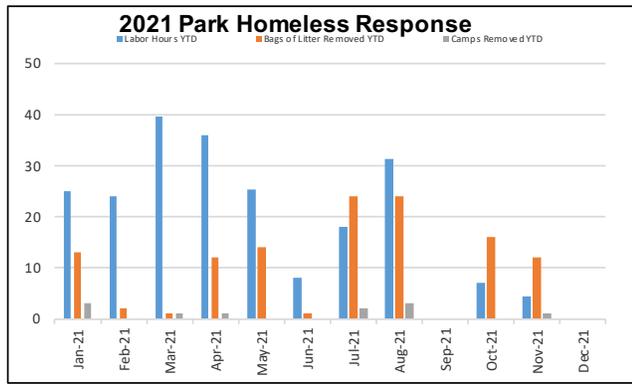
Commissioner Liz Nugent moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:47pm. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kyle Fisher. On vote, motion carried 4-0.

Chair, Jay Bull

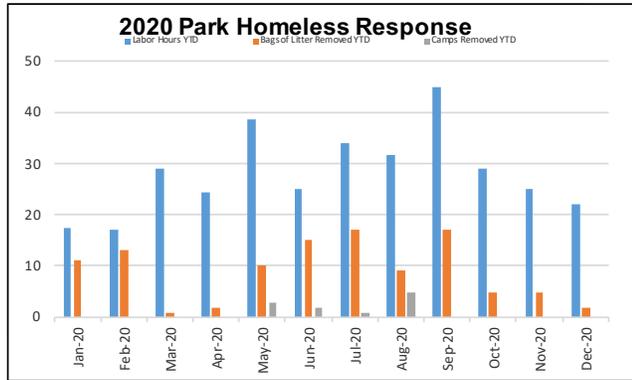
Planning Commission Secretary, Leigh Anne Barr

2018-2021 Park Homelessness Response

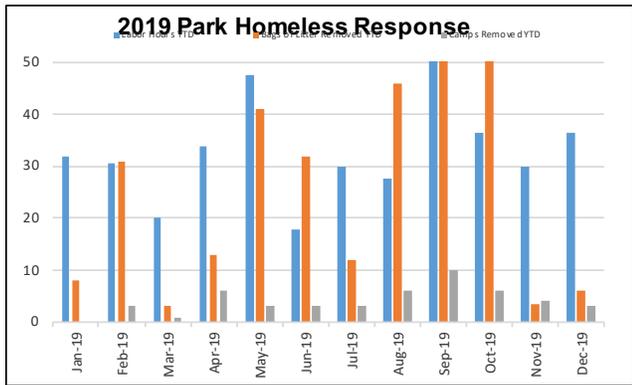
	Labor Hours YTD	Bags of Litter Removed YTD	Camps Removed YTD
Jan-21	25	13	3
Feb-21	24	2	0
Mar-21	39.5	1	1
Apr-21	36	12	1
May-21	25.5	14	0
Jun-21	8	1	0
Jul-21	18	24	2
Aug-21	31.5	24	3
Sep-21	0	0	0
Oct-21	7	16	0
Nov-21	4.5	12	1
Dec-21			
Total 2021	219	119	11



	Labor Hours YTD	Bags of Litter Removed YTD	Camps Removed YTD
Jan-20	17.5	11	0
Feb-20	17	13	0
Mar-20	29	1	0
Apr-20	24.5	2	0
May-20	38.5	10	3
Jun-20	25	15	2
Jul-20	34	17	1
Aug-20	31.5	9	5
Sep-20	45	17	0
Oct-20	29	5	0
Nov-20	25	5	0
Dec-20	22	2	0
Total 2020	338	107	11



	Labor Hours YTD	Bags of Litter Removed YTD	Camps Removed YTD
Jan-19	32	8	0
Feb-19	30.5	31	3
Mar-19	20	3	1
Apr-19	34	13	6
May-19	47.5	41	3
Jun-19	18	32	3
Jul-19	30	12	3
Aug-19	27.5	46	6
Sep-19	57	77	10
Oct-19	36.5	97	6
Nov-19	30	3.5	4
Dec-19	36.5	6	3
Total 2019	399.5	369.5	48



	Labor Hours YTD	Bags of Litter Removed YTD	Camps Removed YTD
Jan-18	25.5	10	0
Feb-18	17	5	0
Mar-18	20	12	4
Apr-18	37	32	0
May-18	27.5	14	5
Jun-18	30.5	20	5
Jul-18	31.5	23	3
Aug-18	26	13	3
Sep-18	28	13	1
Oct-18	32.5	10	6
Nov-18	30	18	0
Dec-18	32	11	0
Total 2018	337.5	181	27

