



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

Through the month of May, the Parks Department was busy adding some beauty to Monroe. The department teamed up with Molback's in Woodinville, Monroe School District Horticulture Program, and the Department of Corrections to grow and plant the new begonias on Main St. and Lewis St. This shows that it takes a team effort to keep Monroe looking as beautiful as it does. Additional projects in May included assisting the Public Works Department with the new gateway signs at the Tester Road Roundabout and the Lewis Street Bridge and the City Hall Flag Pavilion Installation. The Parks Department's focus on these projects is irrigation and landscape, both design and installation.



Growing & planting of begonias for the center islands



City Hall Flag Pavilion Project



Incredible view of the Tester sign at night

Staffing

In May, we extended a full-time maintenance offer to Public Works Seasonal, Chase Payseno. We are excited to have him on board! We also have brought on 3 seasonal employees: Tyson Annen, Josh Bertholf, and Kyle Tandecki. We will welcome a 4th seasonal, Alex Bowen, on June 1st. As well, the hiring process for the vacant Parks Lead position has begun.

Monroe Park Board

The Monroe Park Board met on May 19, 2022. Items discussed were:

- Recognizing service for previous Board Members Devlin Piplic and Daniel Enrico.
- 2021 Annual Economic Development Report and goals for the upcoming Comprehensive Plan Update.
- Agreement to recommend to Council the naming of the North Hill Area Park to honor the seller's request of "Trombley Park".
- New process for hybrid meetings.
- Staff reviewed the Community Development Report with the Park Board.

The Park Board currently has 2 vacant seats. Please visit our website to learn more about how to serve.

Attached to this document are minutes from the April 21, 2022, Park Board Meeting.

North Hill Area Neighborhood Park Update

Staff submitted grant applications to the Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO), Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP) Local Parks Program and Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) for the Phase 1 development of the North Hill Area Neighborhood Park.

The goal of developing Phase 1 is to activate the park for residents with amenities including site preparation and the development of open space play areas, grading, utilities, pathways, parking area, viewing area, and the medium shelter. Completing Phase 1 establishes the infrastructure for the City to fund amenities, such as sports courts, identified in Phase 2. The parcel is located at the southwest intersection of 134th Street SE and 191st Avenue SE, in the City of Monroe.

The total estimated cost for building Phase 1 is approximately \$5,000,000 with full buildout of the project (Phase 1 and 2) estimated at \$10,000,000. The City is requesting the maximum grant amount from LWCF (\$2,000,000) and WWRP (\$500,000) totaling \$2,500,000. If awarded, the City would be responsible for a 50 percent (50%) match or \$2,500,000. The current Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) identifies \$4,000,000 for the development of the North Hill Area Neighborhood Park in 2025.

May Events in Our Parks

May was a month for events in Monroe. It kicked off immediately on May 1st with **Battle of the Badges** and the **Kaci Edelbrock Memorial 5k**. It was a beautiful sunny day and both events were a big success. Our Monroe Police Department faced off against Snohomish Regional Fire and Rescue in a fierce, fun-filled game benefiting the Big Heart Big Smile Foundation directly following their 5k run/walk.



Miracle League kicked off April 30th and is running every Saturday at Rotary Field from 8am-2pm until mid-June. Miracle League offers children with special needs an opportunity to suit up in a uniform, step up to the plate, and enjoy playing the game of baseball in its purest form. This is a dream most of them would not be able to realize as members of a traditional youth league.



Most recently, **VFW Post 7511** hosted their 6th annual **Flags for Our Fallen 5K** at Lake Tye Park on May 21st. This year's theme was, "A Run to Remember," in honor of our Nation's Purple Heart recipients.



Flowering Landscape Returns, Thanks to the Support of Many

Several Monroe businesses and organizations from our community graciously stepped forward again this year to help the City achieve flowering landscape throughout the city. Through their donations and volunteer hours, we are able to provide beautifully landscaped planter pots and hanging baskets around town. These help to provide a warm welcome to visitors and residents alike.

We would like to extend the sincere appreciation to the following:

- **Downtown Monroe Association** and Teresa Willard for planting new flowers in the planter pots
- **Lowes** for supplying the potting soil
- **Monroe Garden Club** for their donation to the City's flower program and for planting the flowers in the hanging basket
- **Monroe Reformatory** for helping to plant the flowers
- **Pine Creek Nursery** for supplying the flowers for the hanging baskets at a discount
- **Republic Services** for their donation to the City's flower program



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 2019 to the present. The following is a summary of data for the past month:

Locations:

DATE	TOTAL LABOR HOURS	# BAGS OF LITTER COLLECTED	NOTES
5/10	12.5	14	
5/27	2	3.5	
Avg.	7.25	8.75	
			See attached Parks Homeless Response Data 2019- 2022

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 PARK BOARD

Park Board Meeting
Thursday, April 21, 2022, 7:00 PM
Zoom Online Meeting Platform

Park Board Members
Amy Martin, Jessie Robinson,
Keith Dahlenburg, Daniel
Enrico,
and Ron Petrick

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Robinson called the Park Board Meeting to order at 7:20pm via Zoom online meeting platform

2. ROLL CALL

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amy Martin	Board Member/Resident
<input type="checkbox"/> Keith Dahlenburg	Board Member/Resident
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ron Petrick	Board Member/Resident
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jessie Robinson	Chairperson/Resident

Board Member Petrick was late to the meeting. Arrival Time: 7:20pm.
Board Member Dahlenburg was absent.
Board Member Enrico resigned from his position prior to the meeting.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Chair Robinson, seconded by Board Member Petrick, to approve the February 17, 2022 minutes. Motion carried 3-0.

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1. American Rescue Plan Act (ARP) Application Review Volunteers

Rich Huebner presented the ARP second round statistics. He asked for Board Members to volunteer to review the current applications. Board Member Martin volunteered. Chair Robinson volunteered as alternate.

6. STAFF/DEPARTMENT REPORTS

6.1. 2023 Strategic Priorities and 2023-2027 Strategic Plan

Becky Hasart presented the Strategic Plan to the Park Board. She highlighted the strong connections the plan has with the parks' vision and explained that there will be a bi-annual budget review where detailed requests from the boards will need to be submitted by August 1st, 2022. Requests from the board will help determine how to prioritize the funds and planning.

6.2. North Hill Area Neighborhood Park Update

Ben Swanson presented the updates for the North Hill Area Park and the initial site design. With the increased costs of materials, labor, etc., the development of the park will be split into two phases. Currently, Phase 1 is forecasted to complete the infrastructure, open field play, walking paths, and one picnic shelter. Phase 1 will be obtained by RCO grants and a local parks grant (with a 50% match from the City).

6.3. Community Development Department Report

Ben Swanson presented an overview of the Community Development Report. He highlighted the plans for the sidewalk adjacent to the Fairgrounds on HWY2 and the increase in new housing development plans. Becky Hasart stated that we are exceeding our projected revenues for new building permits for 2022.

7. ADJOURNMENT

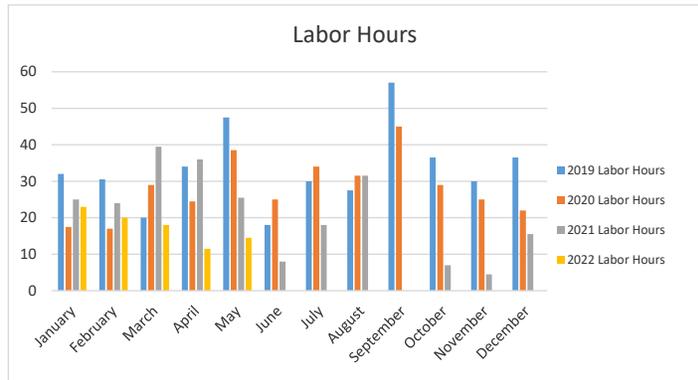
7.1. Chair Robinson motioned to adjourn and Board Member Petrick seconded. Motion carried 3-0 and meeting adjourned at 8:08pm.

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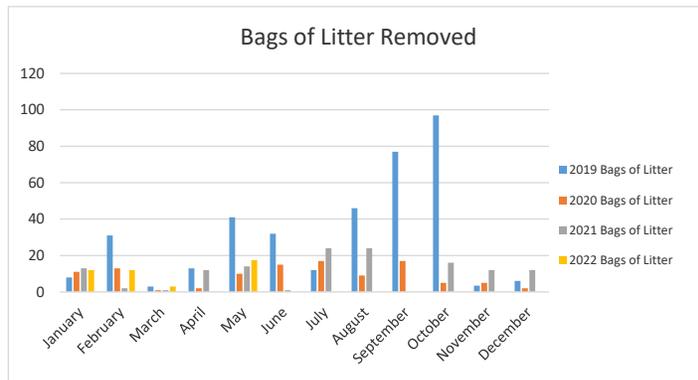
Mayor

2019-2022 Park Homelessness Response

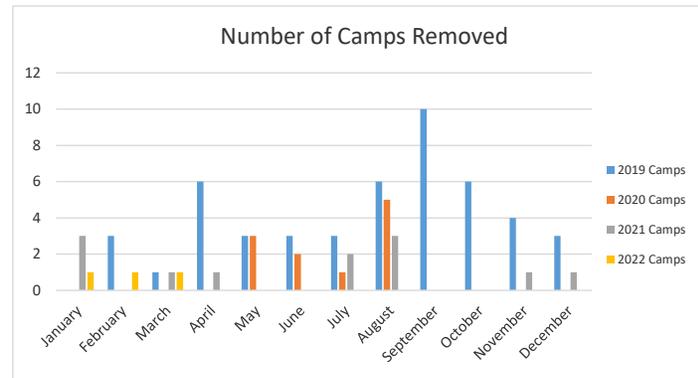
	Labor Hours YTD	Bags of Litter Removed YTD	Camps Removed YTD
Jan-22	23	12	1
Feb-22	20	12	1
Mar-22	18	3	1
Apr-22	11.5	0	0
May-22	14.5	17.5	0
Jun-22			
Jul-22			
Aug-22			
Sep-22			
Oct-22			
Nov-22			
Dec-22			
Total 2022	87	44.5	3



	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	15.5	12	1
Total 2021	234.5	131	12



	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