

**CITY OF MONROE
PARKS & RECREATION BOARD REGULAR
MEETING MINUTES**

February 17, 2022

7:00 p.m.

via Zoom Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

Board Member Robinson called the Park Board meeting to order at 7:06pm, via Zoom online meeting platform.

ROLL CALL

Board Members Present: Jessie Robinson, Ron Petrick, Amy Martin, and Keith Dahlenburg
Board Members Absent: Daniel Enrico

AGENDA REVISIONS – None

APPROVE MINUTES

Motion was made by Board Member Martin, seconded by Board Member Petrick, to approve the January 20, 2022, minutes. Motion carried 4-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

ANNOUNCEMENTS – None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Proposed amendments to Chapter 4.50 MMC

City staff presented proposed changes to the City's Municipal Code governing the Park Board. The proposed amendment would replace the representatives from the School District and the Planning Commission with two at large members. The purpose of this amendment is to allow greater participation from the public. Board members raised concerns regarding the continued communication between the School District and Planning Commission. Staff stated the communication would continue between staff members and the Board would be provided monthly staff reports from the Community Development Department.

2. Lodging Assessment

City staff provided an update on the City's lodging assessment effort. The City hired a consultant to conduct a lodging needs and demand assessment for Monroe. The study will review traditional lodging needs such as hotels, but the study will include other lodging needs such as camping. The purpose of the study is to identify lodging opportunities in Monroe and market these opportunities to hospitality businesses.

STAFF REPORTS/UPDATES

1. An update on the North Hill Area Neighborhood Park was provided by city staff. The City was preparing to conduct a second open house to solicit neighborhood input on the future park. The first workshop produced two parks concepts that will be discussed at the second workshop. The main theme of each proposal was an open space play area for the surrounding community.
2. The Board received an update on the new *City Council, Boards, and Commissions Resource Manual* by City staff. The manual provides several links to resources frequently used by these groups. The manual also provides background information on local government in Washington State.

Accommodations for people with disabilities will be provided upon request.

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3. The Park Board was provided a copy of the Community Development Monthly Report. The report is intended to keep the Board apprised of development projects taking place in Monroe.

BOARD Reports/Updates – None

ADJOURNMENT – Board Member Petrick motioned to adjourn, and Board Member Martin seconded. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 8:04pm.

Jessie Robinson, Chairperson