

# Parks and Trails Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes September 18, 2023

## 1. Call to Order/Roll Call: 3:04 PM

### Members Present:

Matt Withers  
Cathy Wooten  
Judy Williams  
Dave Hall  
Meagen Watne  
Lisa Bruce

### Members Absent:

Gordy Holmes

### Others Present:

Carly Ruacho, Parks Planning Manager  
Kevin Pellham, Parks Maintenance Lead  
Tansy Schroeder, City Planner  
Peter Kamb, public  
Caitlin Hepworth, Atwell

## 2. Citizen Comments

Meagen Watne and Peter Kamb had a comment to the committee about Stanwood joining the Leafline Trails coalition to make it easier for them to connect to the PTAC. This is a coalition that is working to create an interconnected network of shared use trails across the Central Puget Sound region.

## 3. Approval of May 2023 Meeting Minutes

Amend the minutes to remove Matt Withers from members present and add Lisa Bruce and Meagen Watne's last name to the list of members present. Minutes were approved as amended.

## 4. PROS Plan Update- Parks Recreation and Open Space

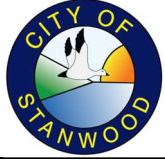
Caitlin Hepworth with Atwell came to the PTAC meeting to review the community survey that was done regarding the PROS plan, the proposed Capital Improvement Plan and to receive PTAC comments.

- PTAC asked to make an additional Heritage Park parking lot a priority.
- A committee member suggested making lights on the sports fields a priority.
- Suggestion was made to prioritize the parks projects on the CIP based on incoming revenue projects.
- Previous PTAC park project prioritization lists will be used for CIP.

## 5. Church Creek Striping Plan

The committee reviewed the quotes for striping the Church Creek Park parking lot. The Committee is generally in favor of striping the lot, but they would like staff to look into wider stalls (larger than 8.5').

## 6. Park/Trail Updates



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HAMILTON - Hamilton Park is under construction. Boat launch is complete.

OVENELL PARK - Public Farm project still moving forward. Carly will be getting him a lease document.

PORT SUSAN TRAIL – Design complete. Grant expires November 30. Carly will be asking for an extension from Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) for 1 additional year.

DOWNTOWN PARK - Survey with 3 designs is currently out and closes September 22<sup>nd</sup>.

### 7. Committee Member Comments

Lisa Bruce commented that she would like to see more focus given to teen needs at parks. She identified functional art as a possible solution to the need for spaces for teens to sit and hang-out, especially near other uses (skate park, etc.) where they can watch and engage from nearby. Statues, large letters that allow climbing and sitting were suggested.

Meagen Watne asked if Playgrounds Northwest could come give a presentation on accessible playgrounds. Carly indicated that they are one of several companies that designed and install local playgrounds, it would not be appropriate to have them come as it may show favoritism for future projects.

**Adjourn:** 5:12 PM