



Parks & Recreation Commission

Thursday, January 16, 2025 – 4:00pm
Parks & Fair Department Teams Meeting
849A Argyle Road, Friday Harbor

MINUTES

4:05pm Call to order

Attendance: Cy Field, Kari McVeigh, Bill McGown, Heather Oaksen, Amanda Smith, Brandon Andrews, Tex Blankenburg

Approval of minutes November 2024

Vote (w/edits): Cy moved to approve Heather seconded, unanimous approval

Public Access: N/A

Correspondence: N/A

Council Liaison message (Kari McVeigh):

- New member of council and was just appointed to be liaison, more to report next meeting.

New Business:

- Election of Officers:
 - Chair: clarification on term limits. Term of 1 yr., only 2 consecutive terms. Tex may need to resign so he would not like to put himself forward in a leadership role. Will work toward having a replacement in place before resignation. Cy has volunteered as Chair, Bill as co-chair. Tex moves, Heather seconded. Approved unanimously.
 - Change in term from 6yr to 3 years in process. 1/27 Council meeting will decide. Will also decide to move to quarterly instead of monthly. Can cancel meetings as needed until code changes are approved. How much time is required to notify the public about a cancellation.
 - Remote meetings can be helpful with recruitment.
- 2025 Work Plan
 - Council would like to reinvigorate the work plan & reporting of Board & Commission annual work plans. They will provide a template to make the process easier and less time consuming.
 - Review fee exemptions/fees, policy document updates, capital improvements
 - Field trip opportunities to visit parks across the county system.
 - Fire readiness on Shaw and Lopez (Shark Reef, Odlin South), thinning, prescribed burning. Land Bank is active in fire management and the Dept of Emergency Management. Current comp plan does include fire management.

- Brandon shared details about the new Cultural Access program, Parks dept is the managing this program. Heather inquired on who would be managing the funds and making decisions about who receives money. Volunteer committee will be formed to help building the program.

Old Business:

- Nothing to report at this time.

Announcements: N/A

Adjourn: 4:52pm