

**CITY OF MOUNTLAKE TERRACE  
RECREATION AND PARKS ADVISORY COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES**

July 11, 2023  
7:00 p.m.

Mountlake Terrace City Hall  
23204 58<sup>th</sup> Ave W  
Mountlake Terrace, WA

**PRESENT**

Molly Luna, Vice Chair (via teleconference)  
Keith Edholm  
Austin Horner  
Alana Niemi  
Audrey Meyer  
Forrest Reda  
Ellen Lavoie

**EXCUSED**

**ABSENT**

**Council Liaison**

Councilor Laura Sonmore

**City Staff**

Jeff Betz, Recreation and Parks Director

**1 CALL TO ORDER:**

Director Betz called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

**2 ROLL CALL:**

The roll was called with Vice Chair Luna, Commissions Edholm, Horner, Meyer and Niemi, Reda, Lavoie present.

**3 APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Approval of the May 13, 2023 meeting minutes.

Commissioner Edholm moved to approve the minutes as presented. Commissioner Niemi seconded. Motion passes 7 yes, 0 no.

Approval of the June 11, 2023 meeting minutes.

Commissioner Meyer moved to approve the minutes as presented. Commissioner Horner seconded. Motion passes 7 yes, 0 no.

**4 PUBLIC COMMENT:**

There was no public comment.

**5 ELECT CHAIR:**

Director Betz noted that in July all of the Commissions are scheduled to elect the Chair and Vice Chair for the following year. He then opened the floor for nominations. Commissioner Niemi nominated Commissioner Luna. With no other nominations Director Betz closed the floor to nominations. There was no further discussion. Commissioner Luna was voted in as Chair 6 yes 0 no.

**6 ELECT VICE CHAIR:**

Chair Luna opened the floor for nominations for Vice Chair. Commissioner Edholm nominated Commissioner Horner. With no other nominations Chair Luna closed the floor to nominations. There was no further discussion. Commissioner Horner was voted in as Vice Chair 6 yes 0 no.

**7 REVIEW NPIS APPLICATION:**

Director Betz introduced a letter of interest forwarded to him by Dan Mahoney concerning joining the NPIS representing an opening for Terrace Creek Park. He noted that he does live within the ½ mile radius of the park. The Commission had the opportunity to discuss the appointment.

Commissioner Edholm moved to appoint Dan Mahoney to represent Terrace Creek Park on the NPIS. Chair Luna seconded. Motion passes 7 yes 0 no.

**8 2023 WORK PLAN**

Director Betz highlighted upcoming special events including the Tour de Terrace parade and volunteer opportunities. He also outlined the upcoming National Night Out event as well as recent community cleanup efforts. Chair Luna asked questions related to opening up of the Ballinger Park Master Plan as well as future off leash dog park areas. Director Betz mentioned it is not currently in the work plan but could be in the future. He also outlined current projects including the Ballinger Park Viewing Platforms and Trails, Evergreen Playfield #3 and Tennis Courts, the Transit Connection Corridor Project as well as the Army Corp Project at Ballinger.

**9 TREE BOARD UPDATE**

The tree board update came as a reminder about upcoming volunteer cleanups by the Ivy League as well as future Tree Ordinance initiatives being undertaken by the city for Heritage Trees.

**10 REPORTS FROM CHAIR AND MEMBERS:**

Commissioner Meyer reported on the Ivy League's recent cleanup and upcoming one at Jack Long Park at the end of July.

**11 COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT:**

None

**12 STATUS REPORT:**

Director Betz reported that the summer camps are in full swing and the programs are full and all of staff is busy and enjoying the summer programming. He also reported that projects are in full swing as well as special events for the summer.

**13 NEW BUSINESS:**

None

**14 ADJOURNMENT:**

As there were no further items for discussion, Chair Luna adjourned the meeting at 8:17 pm.