



Parks Commission February 1, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Present Commission Members: John Clark, Ashley Burdick, William Elting, Donna Gartland, Jaime Parker (Chair), Robert Foster, Alexis Lopez Del Vecchio, Helen Coyne, Stephen Bentsen, Katie Mears

Not Present: Beth Rabbitt, Victoria Pelletier (City Councilor), Kristen Fulmer, Marie Gray,

Staff: Alex Marshall Parks Director, Jen DeRice Assistant Parks Director, Jessica Teesdale Senior Executive Assistant, Rachel Millette Corporate Counsel

I. Call to Order

II. General Citizen Comment Period in person - no public comment emails or in person

III. Agenda Items

a. Acceptance of Meeting Minutes January 4, 2024; Vote opened by Chair Jaime P.

7 approve 3 abstain

b. Parks Commission Role and Charter

i. Charter rules regarding workshops outside of meetings.

Rachel Millette COP Corporate Counsel provided answers to questions regarding the rules of public meetings.

ii. Exploration of meeting dates and length

Topics discussed: Creation of a yearly calendar, another idea floated was to keep meetings scheduled every month, but utilize every other meeting as a workshop.

c. Parks Operation Overview- Commission requests link to winter operations page and winter ops video.

d. Communications and Updates

i. Greenspace Gathering- Date discussed is Thursday May 2nd meeting 5 PM

Location TBD. Subcommittees discussed CIP and Accessibility

e. Commissioner requests for Agenda Items

i. Stroudwater Preserve

ii. Meeting Schedule and Calendar

iii. Greenspace Gathering

iv. Friends groups communication

IV. Adjournment