

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

January 11, 2022
7:00 p.m.

Remote Meeting Via
Telephone or Teleconference

PRESENT

Don Enochs, Chair (Via Teleconference)
Noah Knodle, Vice Chair (Via Teleconference)
Amelia Anthony (Via Teleconference)
Keith Edholm (Via Teleconference)
Alana Niemi (Via Teleconference)
Molly Luna (Via Teleconference)

EXCUSED

Audrey Meyer

ABSENT

Council Liaison

Doug McCardle, Council Liaison (Via Teleconference)

City Staff

Jeff Betz, Recreation and Parks Director (Via Teleconference)
Ken Courtmanch, Parks and Property Management Superintendent (Via Teleconference)

1 CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Enochs called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

2 ROLL CALL:

The roll was called with Chair Enochs and Commissioners, Anthony, Edholm, Knodle, Luna, and Niemi present. Commissioner Knodle moved to excuse Commissioner Meyer. Commissioner Niemi seconded. Roll call vote approved the motion 6 yes, 0 no.

3 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the December 14, 2021 meeting minutes.
Commissioner Knodle moved to approve the minutes as presented. Commissioner Edholm seconded. Roll call vote approved the motion 6 yes, 0 no.

4 PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

5 OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ACT TRAINING

Chair Enochs stated that since there has been the addition of a new Commissioner that it was suggested to add the Open Public Meetings Act (OPMA) training to the agenda. There was no objection to the addition of the agenda item. Superintendent Courtmanch shared his screen with the Commission and went over the training slideshow of the OPMA from the Attorney General's Office of Washington State. The Commissioners in attendance reviewed the slideshow and completed the

training offered by the Attorney General's Office which is required 90 days after appointment and every 4 years thereafter.

6 2022 WORK PLAN

Superintendent Courtmanch reminded the Commission that the presentation for 2022 work plan before Council is scheduled for March 3rd. He then shared the updated presentation and the Commission discussed which members would present before the Council. The Commission decided that the presenters would be Chair Enochs discussing slides 1-4, Commissioner Edholm would discuss slides 5-6, Commissioner Knodle would discuss slides 7-10 and Commissioner Luna would discuss slides 11-16.

Superintendent Courtmanch noted that he would make any final changes and the Commission would be able to practice at the February meeting.

7 TREE BOARD UPDATE

Superintendent Courtmanch noted that a recent wind storm did have a tree come down in Terrace Creek Park. The tree fell over the trail but did not do any significant damage and park staff had addressed it.

Commissioner Anthony noted that the Ivy League that adopted Veterans Memorial Park held an event on January 8th at 9:00 am. The event had about eight participants and removed about 10 yards of blackberries and ivy. Superintendent Courtmanch noted that longtime resident and Veterans Memorial Park advocate Doris Cannon had stopped by and thanked the group. He then shared a letter Mrs. Cannon sent to the group and city staff thanking the volunteers.

8 REPORTS FROM CHAIR AND MEMBERS:

Commissioner Knodle asked about a code change concerning internal combustion engines on Lake Ballinger. His concern was that there are battery powered boats are becoming more powerful and asked about the possibility of changing the code to accommodate. The commission had a round table discussion concerning this and other code change possibilities. Director Betz noted that there could be a discussion at a future meeting as to the process to change code. He additionally noted that there is a new park planner position that will be hired this year that may be able assist in the process. Additionally Council Liaison McCardle said he would bring this to the attention of the Council.

9 COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT:

Mayor Pro-Tem McCardle reported that there is a Coffee with the City scheduled for the following Wednesday. He further reported that on Thursday the Council is scheduled to review department performance measures including the Recreation and Parks Department and invited the Commission to attend.

10 STATUS REPORT:

Superintendent Courtmanch reported that the Holiday Tree in the Jerry Smith Town Center Plaza is scheduled to be removed on the following Friday.

Director Betz noted that the boat launch project is being completed with an opening date hopefully as soon as Friday.

11 ADJOURNMENT:

As there were no further items for discussion, Chair Enochs adjourned the meeting at 8:21 pm.