



**City of Covington  
Parks & Recreation Commission Minutes**

July 20, 2016  
6:00 PM

Covington City Hall

CALL TO ORDER	Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.
ROLL CALL	Chair Laura Morrissey, Vice Chair Bryan Higgins, Conni Elliott, Lisa Knapton, Troy McIntyre, Justin Reed
EXCUSED	George Tomalik
UNEXCUSED	
CITY STAFF PRESENT	Ethan Newton, Sean Conway, Rachel Bahl, Pat Patterson
APPROVAL OF AGENDA	The Agenda was approved as submitted.
APPROVAL OF MINUTES	The minutes for May 9, May 18, and June 15 were approved.
CITIZEN COMMENTS	Members of the PRePAC were present to give the CM their Report, including Jennifer Harjehausen, Chair and member George Pearson.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- 1. Receive PRePAC Draft Report** – Jennifer Harjehausen presented the PRePAC Draft report with the Committee’s recommendations with short and long term goals. CM asked questions and got feedback from the Committee’s discussion and recommendations for City Council. The PRePAC will present their report at the August 9 City Council meeting.
- 2. Review Athletics Division Report** – Sean reviewed the Athletics program division for the CM. Spring Soccer is the biggest sport; Play 60 is an NFL program that the City has had great success with. Volunteer coaching recruiting is going very well, and the referee program has been successful. Some highlights include a partnership with Maple Valley for combined basketball divisions, a new PGA Junior Golf league in partnership with Meridian Valley Golf & Country Club, equipment donation, increased participation in middle school soccer divisions, and increased sponsorships by community partners (Land o Frost, Seattle Thunderbirds).
- 3. Review P&R Department Decision Card items for the 2017 Budget** – Ethan went through the decision cards for 2017 that will be submitted to City Council. Laura asked the CM to review and be familiar with the decision cards that the CM received copies of.
- 4. Receive Update on Skate Park Renovation Project** – Ethan presented the final design concept by the artist. The CM really liked the design and the fact that the equipment provider will be installing the equipment.
- 5. Plan August Park Tour** – Although staff attendance may be limited, we will keep the August 17 date for the Park Tour and Bridge Dedication. The tour will start at 6pm at the large bridge at Jenkins Creek where we will dedicate the bridges to George and Susan Pearson.

**STAFF REPORT**

- On August 18 there is a Legislative Tour at Covington Community Park as an example of Excellent

Use of Funds for Parks by Washington Wildlife & Recreation Coalition. Sen. Fain, Rep. Sullivan and Hargrove will be there. There may be other state dignitaries. The event will take place at 9:15am.

- The Aquatic Center room is about to move to the construction phase.
- The City is still looking for volunteers to house Japanese exchange students.
- The Joint City Council meeting is next Tuesday, August 26 at 6pm here at City Hall. Laura asked that as many CM attend as possible.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

With no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Connie Elliott*

Secretary, Parks and Recreation Commission