



Peninsula Metropolitan Park District

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STUDY SESSION MINUTES

October 15, 2024, 5:00 PM

PenMet Parks District Headquarters - 2416 14th Ave NW, Gig Harbor, WA 98335

Call to Order Time: 5:01 p.m.

Commissioner Roll Call:

	Present	Excused	Comment
Maryellen (Missy) Hill, President	X		
Laurel Kingsbury, Clerk	X		
Kurt Grimmer	X		
Steve Nixon	X		Via Zoom
William C. (Billy) Sehmel	X		

Quorum: Yes

ITEM 1 Board Discussion

1a. Specialized Recreation Program Update:

- PowerPoint presentation by Director of Recreation Services Tracy Gallaway and Recreation Coordinator Mindy Gessel-Stanley.
- **Board comment:** Thanked staff for the presentation.
- **Board question:** Provide examples of adaptive recreation opportunities. **Staff response:** There are lots of opportunities: bowling, basketball, and more. PenMet Parks is looking to fill gaps in the more competitive adaptive recreational sports landscape.
- **Board question:** Are participants shuttled to sites? **Staff response:** Not currently, but that would be beneficial.
- **Board comment:** Thanked staff for the wonderful presentation. PenMet Parks' adaptive and specialized recreation programs are growing. Encouraged staff to request legislative discretionary funds to support program enhancements.

1b. Draft Peninsula Gardens Master Plan:

- PowerPoint presentation by Sarah Singleton-Schrodel and Craig Singleton, AHBL.
- **Board comment:** Thanked project team for incorporating feedback from the Park Services Committee into the final master plan.
- **Board comment:** Thanked project team for developing a balanced and thoughtful plan that meets community need. The master plan achieves the vision for a multi-use community gathering place.



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- **Board comment:** Thanked the project team for public engagement efforts. Noted the plan does not contain tennis courts. **Staff response:** There was not strong support for tennis during the public engagement phase.
- **Board question:** Describe the next steps. **Staff response:** Requested Commissioners provide feedback by October 29. The final master plan will be presented to the Board for consideration of adoption in November/December.

ITEM 2 Adjournment Time: 5:55 p.m.

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Approved By the Board on 11/05/2024

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Maryellen (Missy) Hill, Board President

Laurel Kingsbury
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Submitted by: Robyn Readwin, Board Secretary