

Active Lifestyles and Community Wellness Council
January 26, 2017 Meeting Minutes (draft)

I. Roll Call

Present:

Council Members Ron Harpel, Brian Looper, Jennifer Wynkoop, Steve Wells, Will Niemann-Ross, Meagan Kula, Michael LaFreniere, and William Privett.

Staff: Commissioner Reid, Bob Houston, Joey Furuto

II. Review and Acceptance of Previous Minutes

The minutes for the November, 2016 meeting were reviewed and accepted.

III. Program and Facilities Updates

A. In the first three months of operation, People's Pool has had 6158 visits compared to 5800 in all 2007, the last year the pool was open.

B. Bob and Joey described the recent staff changes at MPT. To date, none have been replaced.

C. The first organized run at Meadow Park golf course had 85 runners, a great start.

D. Joey amplified the bond updates printed on our agenda. Twenty new bleachers have been installed at SERA. We discussed water quality at Wapato Park. Treatment in 2008 caused a fish kill, and current efforts will be better timed, have better data and be reliant on more experienced contractors. The Center for Urban Waters and UW are consulting on pilot projects. Sewage and stormwater have been routed around the lake, and MPT is no longer applying fertilizers in grass areas along the shoreline.

E. Commissioner Reid explained that the Tacoma Outboard Association has not had their lease at Titlow renewed. A public process has started to define future development, consistent with the Titlow Master Plan and the Shorelines Master Plan.

F. The elementary school basketball program involves 220 teams (up from 85 last year) and 2500 kids. Games are at 10 locations from 9 to 5 on Saturday. 29 of 35 schools are participating. The Boys and Girls Club is a major partner with lesser support from the YMCA. The Tacoma School District has been very supportive and cooperative.

G. Joey reported on the study of possible cancer effects from contact with crumb rubber in play fields that has been published by Washington Dept. of Health. He said that a report from California due in 2019 will be more comprehensive. Until more is known, parents and athletes should take precautions, including washing of skin and clothing, after playing on crumb rubber fields, though causal links to cancer have not been found.

IV. Old Business

A. Meagan Kula provided an update on Safe Routes to Parks. The City has hired an Active Transportation coordinator. There will be training about walkability for staff from the City, County, Downtown on the Go, Puget Sound Regional Council, and Health Dept. in April. These agencies are working together on a joint plan to enhance walkability. The Health Dept. has the lead.

B. Brian Looper was elected Chair for 2017. Meagan Kula was elected Vice-Chair. As of April 1, the Council will have four open positions.

V. Good of the Order

A. Next Meeting: Thursday, February 23 at 6:30 in Main Conference Rm.

VI. Adjournment