

PAC Meeting Minutes 4-10-25

1. Call meeting to order: 6:07 pm AC

2. Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Alecia Cunningham (AC), Ryan Baltazar (RB), Katy Schaff (KS), Bay Stemp (BS) and Kristi Jones (KJ)

Not Present: Amy Wolfe (AM), Nora Flemming de Sandoval (NS)

UP Staff Present: Jack Ecklund (JE) and Tony West (TW)

Others in Attendance: Karen Benvensite(KB), Co- President UP Historical Society; Heidi Broback, Pam Broback, Larry Broback and Deanna Baer.

3. Flag Salute

4. Review/Approve Minutes

Meeting minutes from 3/13 – Motion to approve from RB, second from KS, motion carries

5. Review/Approve Agenda

Meeting agenda motion to approve from KS, second from BS, motion carries

6. Public Comments

(KB) The University Place Historical Society (KB) uncovered the history of the original Broback Homestead, which once spanned over 40 acres from Bridgeport to 72nd Ave Ct W. The Historical Society and Broback family members presented this history and requested that Homestead Park be renamed “Broback Homestead Park” to honor the family who built the homestead.

7. Staff Report

Upcoming Events: Park appreciation at Colgate Park April 19th, Duck Days June 7th, Cirque Park opening May 2nd

8. Creekside Park Masterplan

Chris Overdorf from SCJ lead the preliminary kickoff meeting. SCJ will be present for Parks appreciate day as a popup and precursor to community engagement. Pending deliverables: Preliminary site survey, results of park appreciation day and draft survey to be reviewed in the May meeting.

9. Park Rename Proposal – Homestead Park

The Park Commission supports the University Place Historical society and Broback family’s upcoming presentation to City Council proposing a name change for Homestead Park to Broback Park. The Commission recommends that the presentation clarify whether the name change is intended for a commemorative plaque to replace existing park signage. As an

alternative, the Commission suggests renaming the street next to the park "Broback Way." This recommendation aligns with the city's tradition of naming parks after historical owners as seen at the Curran, Kobayashi, and Riconosciuto Park.

Motion to approve from NS, Second by RB, motion carries

10. Kobayashi Park Safety

The City Council has requested an action plan for implementing the proposal. A joint meeting with the Safety Commission will be held in May or June. At this meeting we will review any existing comparable park steward models, confirm with Chief Burke the appropriate method for reporting crimes (911 or non-urgent), and draft a plan to coordinate a potential volunteer group.

11. Additional Commissioner Comments

None

12. Adjournment at 7:36pm

Meeting Minutes by KS

Katy Schaff
Katy Schaff (May 12, 2025 15:31 PDT)