



**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
SUB-COMMITTEE**

Meeting Location: Zoom

**Meeting Date:** March 23, 2021

**Time:** 2:30 PM

**Attendees:** David Shofi, Phil Kearns, Pete Nichols, Dennis DiPinto, Bob Schneider, Amy Platt, and Guest: Allison Stockel from The Ridgefield Playhouse.

**Sub-Committee: (Check One)**

- ☐ Aquatic & Program
- ☐ Budget & Policy
- ☒ Buildings & Grounds
- ☐ Marketing, Promotion and Memberships
- ☐ Special Services, Community Outreach, Customer Services
- ☐ Strategic Planning & Annual Goals

**Agenda**

1. **Agenda:** Motion to approve made by Phil Kearns, and seconded by Pete Nichols.

2. **Minutes:** Motion to approve made by Phil Kearns, and seconded by Pete Nichols.

**3. Items Discussed:**

- Summer concert plans at Ballard Park, and the need to manage the number of amplified events due to past noise complaints from neighbors, and general P&R policy regarding use of the park.
- Estimating 26-27 CHIRP concerts being scheduled in the park.
- To-date, Parks and Rec has received a request for 6 dates during summer 2021 for concerts hosted by The Ridgefield Playhouse.
- Ms. Stockel provided a synopsis of the concert requests at Ballard Park, and plans for a 24'x24' semi-permanent stage placed in front of existing stage. The Playhouse does not have plans to extend concerts in the park beyond 2021. Alternatively, Ms. Stockel is exploring a possible tent/stage to hold concerts/events on East Ridge in front of the old high school. This alternative plan may reduce or eliminate requests for use of Ballard Park.

**4. Action Items/Next Steps:**

- Ms. Stockel will get back to the subcommittee to confirm The Ridgefield Playhouse's requests to hold amplified events in Ballard Park during the summer of 2021.
- Subcommittee will wait to hear from Ms. Stockel, and in the meantime will review Ballard Park deed and large group use document which will help determine Ballard Park availability for such events.

Motion to adjourn at 3:15 PM made by: Phil Kearns, and seconded by Pete Nichols. Minutes submitted by: Amy Platt.