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Public Health, Recreation & Environment Committee

Meeting Minutes—Jul. 30, 2026

Members Present: Steve Besade, Narciss Greene, Richard Gonyo, Kayla Mullen, Ocean Pellett

Also Present: RTM Moderator Susan Driscoll

1. Call to order: Chair Mullen called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
2. Election of new chair: Chair Mullen explained that due to changes in family circumstances, she needs to step down and she called for nominations. Motion by Pellett to nominate Narciss Greene as chair, second by Besade. Voice vote: Unanimous Motion passed.
3. Public comment: None.
4. Previous Minutes: Motion by Mullen, second by Pellett, to approve the Apr. 16, 2025, minutes as presented. Voice vote: Unanimous Motion passed.
5. Consideration of/possible action on items referred to committee:
 - Review of Beach Fees (RTC 6/1/26): Chair Greene noted that she will invite the Director of Recreation and Parks to the next meeting and encouraged committee members to review the backup and develop questions for him. Some topics mentioned during the initial discussion on beach fees included: potential fee changes, legal rulings on beach access, alternative revenue sources (concerts).
 - Review of Ordinance Chptr 12.12, Jordan Park House (RTC 10/6/25): Initial discussion focused on the need for revision to reflect the 2020 ordinance change to Chapter 2.20 that transferred maintenance responsibility to Public Works. Consensus for the Chair's suggestions to add a footnote referencing the 2020 revision and to replace "recreation and parks commission" with "Public Works Department" in Section 12.020. Members also agreed to consider removal or revision of Sec. 12.030 after future discussion with the Director about whether Jordan Park House is still open to the public.Brief discussion on next steps followed: meeting(s) with Rec & Parks director to determine necessary revisions; Town Attorney review of "final" draft before PHRE holds required public hearing that can be held immediately before committee meeting on final recommendation to be presented to the RTM for approval.
6. Adjournment: Motion by Gonyo; second by Besade to adjourn at 7:11 p.m. Voice vote: Unanimous.

Submitted by
Narciss Greene, PHRE Chair

encl: Resignation letter from Kayla Mullen