

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM
CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON

AGENDA TITLE:	Proclamation of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Month		
DEPARTMENT:	Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services		
PRESENTED BY:	Eric Friedli, PRCS Director		
ACTION:	<input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance	<input type="checkbox"/> Resolution	<input type="checkbox"/> Motion
	<input type="checkbox"/> Discussion	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Hearing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Proclamation

ISSUE STATEMENT:

July is National Parks and Recreation Month. This is an opportunity to acknowledge the many parks, recreation and cultural services partners and programs that provide facilities, programs, and opportunities which enrich the lives of Shoreline residents.

Tonight, Erik Ertsgaard and Ivan Brown, both youth members of the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services/Tree Board, will accept the Proclamation (Attachment A).

The Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services/Tree Board, or PRCS/Tree Board, advises the City Council and City staff on a variety of parks and recreation issues including plans and policies, park operation and design, recreation program activities, public art, property acquisition and development of rules and regulations.

The youth of our community are primary users of parks, trails, and recreational and cultural programs and their representation provides an important perspective on the Boards and Committees that study them; therefore, on April 1, 2007 the City Council amended the membership of the PRCS/Tree Board by adoption of Ordinance No. 458 to add two youth members. Erik Ertsgaard has served two one-year terms on the Board and has also participated on the Public Art Jury, and Ivan Brown is completing his first term on the Board. Both youth members have provided an insightful youth perspective on parks, recreation and cultural services topics.

Parks and Recreation Month provides an opportunity to celebrate the value of the youth perspective on the City's Boards and Commissions, and to acknowledge the good work of our community partners, including the Shoreline/Lake Forest Park Arts Council, King County Library System, Kruckeberg Botanic Garden Foundation, Shoreline Historical Museum, the Shoreline School District, the Dale Turner YMCA, and many others. All of these organizations plus several Shoreline businesses, working together, provide valuable recreation and cultural activities for Shoreline residents of all ages to gain knowledge, develop skills, and encourage healthier lifestyles.

The City of Shoreline would like to thank Erik Ertsgaard and Ivan Brown and all of these agencies and organizations for their continued efforts to make Shoreline a healthy, happy, and connected community.

RECOMMENDATION

The Mayor should read the proclamation declaring July as Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Month in the City of Shoreline.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A: 2019 Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Month Proclamation

Approved By: City Manager ***DT*** City Attorney ***MK***



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS parks, recreation and cultural programs are vitally important to establishing and maintaining the quality of life in our communities, ensuring the health of all people, and contributing to the economic and environmental well-being of a community and region; and

WHEREAS parks and open spaces are fundamental to the environmental well-being of our community; and improve water quality, protect groundwater, prevent flooding, improve the quality of the air we breathe, provide vegetative buffers to development, and produce habitat for wildlife; and

WHEREAS recreation programs build healthy, active communities that aid in the prevention of chronic disease, provide therapeutic recreation services for those who are mentally or physically disabled, and improve the mental and emotional health of all people; and

WHEREAS cultural services strengthen the community's identity, enhance the natural and built environment, and support Shoreline's commitment to diversity, inclusion, and the arts; and

WHEREAS the U.S. House of Representatives has designated July as Parks and Recreation Month; and likewise, the City of Shoreline recognizes the benefits derived from parks, recreation and cultural services;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Will Hall, Mayor of the City of Shoreline, on behalf of the Shoreline City Council, do hereby proclaim the month of July 2019 as

PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL SERVICES MONTH

in the City of Shoreline.

Will Hall, Mayor