

Lopez Rec Bylaws

1. District Name: Lopez Island Park and Recreation District, hereinafter “the District” or “Lopez Rec”.

2. Purpose: In accordance with RCW Section 36.69.010 the District, as a municipal corporation, shall have the purpose of providing leisure time activities and facilities and recreational facilities, of a nonprofit nature as a public service to the residents of Lopez Island. The term "recreational facilities" means parks, playgrounds, gymnasiums, swimming pools, field houses, bathing beaches, stadiums, golf courses, automobile race tracks and drag strips, coliseums for the display of spectator sports, public campgrounds, boat ramps and launching sites, public hunting and fishing areas, arboretums, bicycle and bridle paths, senior citizen centers, community centers, and other recreational facilities.

3. Governing Members, the commission: In accordance with RCW Chapter 36.69 five elected commissioners shall serve the people of Lopez Island in positions numbered 1 through 5, during four year terms; except that the initial commissioner number 4 and the initial commissioner number 5 shall serve during a two year term.* In the event of a vacancy in the position of a commissioner by death, written resignation or otherwise, such vacancy shall be filled pursuant to RCW 42.12 and RCW 36.69.100.

*<https://www.sanjuancountywa.gov/1223/Elected-Officials>

4. Offices: In accordance with RCW Section 36.69.120 the commission shall nominate and elect officers from among the five commissioners to serve in the following roles: chair, vice chair, secretary, and treasurer.

5. Parliamentary Authority: The commission shall recognize the authority of the principles of order for deliberative organizations as conceived in Robert’s Rules of Order, Modern Edition, where they are applicable but not inconsistent with other provisions of these bylaws.

6. Regular Public Meetings: In accordance with RCW Section 36.69.120, the commission shall hold regular public meetings at least monthly. Regular public meetings shall be conducted on the first Thursday of each month, at a time and place to be determined beforehand. Notice of such meetings shall take place in accordance with RCW Chapter 42.30 (the Open Public Meetings Act).

7. Special Meetings: Special meetings may be conducted from time to time, and shall be conducted at all times pursuant to the spirit of the Open Public Meetings Act. Special meetings shall be held on no less than 24 hour notice.

8. Quorum: A quorum shall be considered to be any three commissioners together, either in person or remotely, by means of real time telecommunication, however, a quorum must consist of at least one commissioner present in person.

9. Deliberative rights of the chair: The chair, or a commissioner acting as chair, shall have the right to introduce motions and resolutions. This is an exception to the procedure in Robert's Rules of Order, and is intended as an expedient.

10. Amending the Bylaws: Amendments to the bylaws shall be affirmed by no less than four votes.

11. Voting: Voting will take place only when a quorum is present, and only in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act (RCW Chapter 42.30).