



Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services/ Tree Board

Regular Meeting Agenda Packet

September 24, 2020



**Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Board
2020 Meeting Schedule**

September 24	7:00 p.m.	ZOOM Meeting
October 22	7:00 p.m.	ZOOM Meeting
December 3	7:00 p.m.	Shoreline City Hall, Room 303



AGENDA

PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL SERVICES/TREE BOARD REGULAR MEETING

September 24, 2020
7:00 p.m.

ZOOM Meeting
Estimated Time

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The PRCS/Tree Board is providing opportunities for public comment by submitting written comment. Your written comment must be received by 6:30 p.m. the night of the meeting. Please see the information listed below to access all of these options:



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Pre-registration is required by 6:30 p.m. the night of the meeting.

1. CALL TO ORDER/ATTENDANCE

7:00

Land Acknowledgement: We acknowledge the land on which our work started as the traditional home of the Coast Salish and Snohomish peoples. We take this opportunity to thank the original caretakers and storytellers of this land who are still here, and to recognize the immense culture of these peoples by remembering their history and traditions. We invite you to recognize our government's history of unfair treatment and lack of accountability against Indigenous communities as we push to raise visibility and education about them.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Action

Chair John Hoey

3. APPROVAL OF AUGUST MEETING MINUTES

Action

Chair John Hoey

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

7:10

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5. DIRECTOR'S REPORT <i>Colleen Kelly, Director</i>	Presentation	7:15
6. STRATEGIC PRIORITIES - CULTURAL SERVICES AND PUBLIC ART <i>Mary Reidy, Recreation and Cultural Service Superintendent and David Francis PhD, Public Art Coordinator</i>	Discussion	7:20
7. PARK IMPROVEMENT BOND <i>Parks Subcommittee</i>	Action	8:00
8. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD	Discussion	8:50
9. ADJOURN	Action	9:00

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Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services/Tree Board Meeting Minutes

Call to Order/Attendance

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.

Park Board members present: John Hoey, Sara Raab McInerny, Bill Franklin, Jeff Potter, Bruce Amundson, Christine Southwick, Hayley Berkman, David Lin

Absent: Elizabeth White (Excused)

PRCS Staff present: PRCS Director Eric Friedli, Parks Superintendent Kirk Peterson, Recreation Superintendent Mary Reidy, Community Services Manager Colleen Kelly, City Manager Debbie Tarry, Assistant City Manager John Norris, Management Analyst Christina Arcidy, Surface Water Program Specialist Christie Lovelace, Administrative Assistant II Martha Karl

Land Acknowledgement

Read by John Hoey and worded by Hayley Berkman: We acknowledge the land on which our work started as the traditional home of the Coast Salish and Snohomish peoples. We take this opportunity to thank the original caretakers and storytellers of this land who are still here, and to recognize the immense culture of these peoples by remembering their history and traditions. We invite you to recognize our government's history of unfair treatment and lack of accountability against Indigenous communities as we push to raise visibility and education about them.

Approval of Agenda

Chair Hoey called for a motion to approve the agenda. So moved by Ms. Raab McInerny and seconded by Mr. Amundson. The motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Chair Hoey called for a motion to approve the June meeting minutes. So moved by Mr. Franklin and seconded by Mr. Potter. The motion carried.

Public Comment:

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Written comments were distributed to the board via email prior to the meeting.

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Kathleen Russell, Shoreline resident, on behalf of Save Shoreline Trees.

Read this prepared statement: In recognition of Director Eric Friedli, we acknowledge your many years as a Director for the City of Shoreline and send you best wishes for a happy retirement.

To the Tree Board: per Code 12.30.20 the responsibility of the Tree Board does apply to public right-of-way trees. We call your attention to the WSDOT frontage at Dayton Avenue N., pending Permit 19-2371, where two public landmark and many significant trees will either be cut down or impacted by the construction of the proposed elevated 8' wide Perma-Trak walkway. Tree 140, in good health, measures 38.5 DSH, and Tree 145, in excellent health, is 32.3 DSH. In total, 3 landmark trees will be removed and an additional 6 Landmark trees could be, "impacted", meaning damage might occur during construction or when their neighbor trees are cut down. Per Code 20.50.350.

Save Shoreline Trees asks this Tree Board to take action and contact WSDOT regarding the value and importance of the many public right-of-way trees and all the trees on Dayton Avenue N., N. 160th and N. 155th which form a tree canopy. Ask WSDOT to once again look at the design for the walkway. Or, ask the City to take over the design of this walkway. Dayton Avenue N. and N. 160th are high traffic streets. It will be a shock to Shoreline residents when 104 trees are cut down per the July 7th 2020 update of the WSDOT arborist report, Table 1, page 3. These trees are part of Shoreline's urban tree canopy and are valuable assets to Shoreline residents. We ask the Tree Board to make the recommendation to City Council, per your advisory role to the Council, to save these 104 tall conifer trees around WSDOT, because each of these trees is important to Shoreline residents. Thank you for listening.

Katie Schielke, Shoreline resident, President at Kruckeberg Botanic Garden

Introduced herself and thanked Director Friedli for his work in the past the on the Pros Plan and wished him a wonderful retirement.

Ms. Schielke requested the Board keep funds allocated towards ADA improvements at Kruckeberg as part of a future bond package that will be brought to Council. Park improvements are needed to provide ADA accessibility to the Education building and lower garden where outdoor events take place in partnership with the City. Kruckeberg continues to expand events and programming with nature-based education, workshops, summer camps, and now fall nature school programs. In order to meet the needs of the Community and make the property accessible to all ages and abilities these improvements are imperative. The garden and facility are a park, owned by the City and community. Everyone should be able to have access. Kruckeberg foundation has already raised \$100,000.00 towards the needed improvements but the additional funding is required to make all the accommodations.

Ann Bates, Shoreline Protect Shoreline Trees

Dayton Avenue N. helps to keep our city cooler and our city cleaner, please ask WSDOT to save those trees. The reorganization of Shoreline PRCS Tree Board ignores the importance of Shoreline trees in reducing heat islands and overall warming. Priorities of Board from the 2019 retreat does not include the word tree. Please establish a Tree Board that includes staff, citizens and experts that understand how urban forest contribute to the reduction to global (and Shoreline's) warming temperatures and to preserve the cleaner air. Future generations will be grateful.

Rebecca Jones, Shoreline Resident, – Audio problems, no sound audible. Will submit comments in writing. Letter [attached](#).

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Proposed Amendment SMC 8.12 - Feeding Waterfowl

Christie Lovelace, Surface Water Program Specialist

Feeding waterfowl increases waterfowl feces which then, in turn, increases bacteria and virus levels. High bacteria levels are more likely to have dangerous bacteria. Harmful algal blooms take the oxygen out of the water and can cause toxic algal blooms. This summer the City had an 8-week closure at Hidden Lake. King County did a Fecal Source Tracking Study that found no human feces in water, minimal dog feces in water, and concluded that likely waterfowl is causing the problem. Surface water has taken an educational approach “Nobody wants a poopy lake.” The City of Shoreline is proposing to update the Shoreline Municipal Code (SMC 8.12) to expressly prohibit feeding waterfowl in Shoreline Parks with a civil infraction of no more than \$500 fine and enforceable by CRT or Police. The City website has been updated www.shorelinewa.gov/waterquality. The proposal will be presented to the City Council by end of 2020.

Mr. Amundson moved that the Board accept the proposed process, supporting this amendment to the City Code and seconded by Mr. Potter. The motion passed unanimously.

Director’s Report

Eric Friedli, PRCS Director

- Board recommendations from the July meeting on facility rentals was presented to City Council on August 10th and is scheduled to be adopted at the September 14th Council meeting.
- Pickleball lines scheduled to be painted within a couple weeks.
- Council approved the property purchase and sell agreement for 185th West of Ashworth and are expected to approve Westminster property acquisition at the September 14th meeting. Starting on September 15th City Council will start the park naming process and will consider names in October.
- City will be planting 65 trees to replace trees removed elsewhere on 9th Avenue. Letters were sent out to residents this week. The Planning department is working with WSDOT to move 12-14 trees.
- Next Board meeting the subcommittee will present their work on the Park Improvement and Acquisition Bond Measure Project and discuss Cultural Services and Public Art.

Proposed SMC Amendment 8.12 - Veterans Recognition Plaza

Eric Friedli, PRCS Director

Director Friedli gave a presentation of Veterans Recognition Plaza (the “Plaza”). The Board was asked to recommend approval of an addition to the Shoreline Municipal Code stating the purpose of the Plaza and authorizing the development of administrative rules for its use. The Plaza was dedicated in May 2016 on a portion of the City Hall Campus. The Plaza is located within the City Hall Plaza that is open for general public enjoyment and considered park land. The Plaza was developed and funded by the Shoreline Veterans Association through the leadership of Dwight Stevens and Frank Moll. The Veterans Association holds regular events at the Plaza to commemorate important days such as Memorial Day, Veterans Day, Flag Day, Patriots Day, Independence Day and Armed Services Day. The Shoreline

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Veterans Recognition Plaza at City Hall pays tribute to veterans and current service members from all branches of the military by providing a setting to honor veterans and armed forces members in a dignified, respectful manner.

The City Manager or designee shall promulgate rules as to the use of the Plaza consistent with this purpose. The intent of the proposed rules is to ensure that the Plaza continues to always be a location for honoring veterans and armed forces members in a dignified and respectful manner. These rules do not apply to the City Hall Plaza in general but emphasize the special and unique nature of the Veterans Recognition Plaza.

The Shoreline Veterans Association was consulted and provided comment on the proposed language (their comments have been incorporated). They did recommend that veteran planned ceremonies not be required to obtain a permit in advance of holding events. Staff have not included that recommendation in this proposed language. In order to manage the number and timing of events and ensure there are not scheduling conflicts, it is important that all groups obtain permits in advance of an event. There was a brief discussion.

Mr. Franklin moved to make a motion that the Board recommend approval to Shoreline Municipal Code and seconded by Ms. Southwick. The motion passed unanimously.

Summer/Fall Recreation Programs

Mary Reidy, Recreation Cultural Services Superintendent

Recreation Superintendent Mary Reidy gave a presentation of Summer Camps and Recreation. COVID safety measures were added to summer programs and will continue this fall. New remote Specialized Recreation classes were added. Fall classes will move outside for yoga, tai chi and karate. Adult trips will meet at an outdoor site and lead with social distancing measures. Summer camps had modifications including higher level of cleaning, smaller group size, health checks, modified activities, arranging staff to stay in same groups, and social distancing activities. Shoreline had 1333 registrations this summer.

Special Events Team: PRCS Special Event Coordinator, Neighborhood Coordinator, Diversity and Inclusion Coordinator, Communication Specialist and Public Art Coordinator all worked together to plan several community projects that could be done safely or virtually. Juneteenth - June 19th videos were submitted of what it's like to be black in Shoreline. Summer Yard Art, 2 online lunch concerts, weekly Bingo Card, Shoreline Has Gratitude, Celebrate Shoreline yard signs and chalk art, and Can Castle Contest and food donation collection were some of the activities planned by the Special Events Team. Shoreline is partnering with the Arts Counsel to host the Holiday Craft Market outside City Hall. Shoreline will be partnering with Kruckeberg Botanical Gardens to host the Solstice Stroll.

Fall Childcare/Camps will be offered to coordinate with Shoreline School District K-5 online learning. There will be Wednesday early release for staff planning hours. Skyhawks and Nature Vision will be offering camps on Wednesdays after school. Middle School and High School Distant Learning Programs will be offered at the Teen Center and Ballinger Homes. Fall registration starts September 8th and programs start September 14th. Shoreline residents will be receiving a postcard about registration.

PRCS Reorganization Discussion

City Manager, Debbie Tarry; Assistant City Manager, John Norris



Memorandum

DATE: September 24, 2020
TO: PRCS/Tree Board
FROM: Mary Reidy, Recreation and Cultural Services Superintendent
David Francis, Public Art Coordinator
RE: Cultural Services and Public Art Program Update and Discussion

Requested Board Action

No action is requested. This is a general discussion about the Cultural Services and Public Art Program.

Project or Policy Description and Background

In January of this year staff presented an update on the Public Art program. This reflected conversations that occurred at the Fall, 2019 PRCS Board retreat which identified public art and cultural services as important topics for future Board discussion. Tonight's discussion continues to review the Public Art program as well as the larger context of Cultural Services.

As a reminder, the Board Retreat included an exercise that resulted in a list of ten items under the heading Cultural Services and Public Art. It's interesting to note that these items focus primarily on Public Art.

- Public art funding models
- Outdoor art inside new ShARCC
- Continue to foster public art in our parks, new funding
- Provide interactive art options in our parks; i.e.: Andy Goldsworthy
- Arts Coordinator at full FTE starting 2020
- Engage in public arts funding discussion
- Support public art – how do we elevate discussion/action?
- Cultural Services funding from core city budget 2020
- Establish City Arts Commission (ala Edmonds)

At the follow-up October 24, 2019 meeting the Board ultimately prioritized the following topics for continued focus:

1. Equity & Inclusion
2. Parks
3. Cultural Services/Public Art
4. Proposition 1

Tonight's discussion is an opportunity to dive a bit deeper into Item #3 including an opportunity to specifically explore the broader aspect of Cultural Services. The following language taken from the PROS Plan provides some starting context for your consideration.

CULTURAL SERVICES

Cultural Services are provided by the City of Shoreline, in partnership with other agencies and by outside agencies acting independently. Partnership organizations providing arts and heritage Services in the City include the Shoreline-Lake Forest Park Arts Council (SLFPAC) and the Shoreline Historical Museum. Other entities offering cultural programs include the Shoreline School District, Shoreline Community College, Shoreline/Lake Forest Park (LFP) Senior Center, private schools and churches.

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While traditional public art enhances the outdoor landscape providing interesting aesthetics to explore, all the arts provide opportunities for individuals to express ideas and emotions in ways beyond words. The arts are an important component of healthy communities and allow for positive expression of emotions. Dance promotes physical health. Theater, music, dance and visual arts can provide structure and teamwork. All arts have the potential to teach communication skills, problem solving, creative and critical thinking as well as provide an expressive focus.

In addition, there have been several significant developments since last fall that have impacted the overall landscape related to these topics:

- Prop 1 not passing
- Passage of Ordinance 874 amending the Municipal Art Fund (Goal 3 of Public Art Plan)
- Emergence of COVID19
- Completed acquisition of two significant art pieces
- Reorganization of the Department

Clearly these developments present both challenges and opportunities which can be addressed during the Board Discussion. Below are the overall goals for this agenda item.

- Share staff perspective related to cultural services and provide an overview of current cultural service delivery in Shoreline
- Provide an update regarding the Public Art aspect of the City's Cultural Services efforts
- Provide time for the board to begin a broader discussion related to Cultural Services and Public Art. Potential questions the Board may wish to consider:
 - a. What are the general elements of an effective City Arts/Cultural Services Program?
 - b. What are the current gaps in Shoreline?
 - c. What is most important right now? Where would the Board like to see progress?

Additional Information

Mary Reidy, Recreation and Cultural Services Superintendent, 206-801-2621, mreidy@shorelinewa.gov
David Francis, Public Art Coordinator, 206-801-2661, dfrancis@shorelinewa.gov

- PROS Plan: <https://www.shorelinewa.gov/government/departments/parks-recreation-cultural-services/projects-and-plans/parks-recreation-and-open-space-pros-plan>
- Public Art Plan: <http://www.shorelinewa.gov/home/showdocument?id=30225>

To: PRCS/Tree Board Members

From: Arts and Cultural Services Subcommittee

- Bruce Amundson

-John Hoey

RE: Priority Program Recommendations

1. Staffing: An increase in the Public Art Coordinator position to 1.0 FTE has been supported by the PRCS Board, the retired Department Director, and the City Manager, with earlier plans for that to occur in the 2021 budget. This will likely be deferred given the City's financial struggle.

This is a priority if we expect to have even the minimal capacity to carry out the program reflected in our plan. The Board needs to make clear to the City Council that we expect this increase to occur as soon as feasible.

2. Expand public sculptures and advance Aurora as an Avenue of Art plan: Modest revenue from the 1% for the Arts program, together with a tight city budget for perhaps several years, means that significant additions of public art from city funds seem unlikely.

We should look to new acquisitions from private individuals and local businesses. We will solicit either contributions from individuals large enough to secure new sculptures or accept pieces from individuals who commission sculptures from local artists. (Sculptures acquired by the latter route would need to be acceptable to the Public Art coordinator.) This strategy would also provide important financial support for struggling local artists.

Bruce has had exploratory discussions with several Shoreline residents who support the arts who have indicated a willingness to consider participating in such an initiative. (This strategy would also address the frequently expressed concern of some City Council members that more support for public art should come from Shoreline residents.) Expanding our public art acquisitions could be significantly advanced timewise through this kind of initiative. More details will be provided at our meeting.

3. Include cultural amenities in the planned bond measure: The Public Art Coordinator has suggestions for establishing amenities in city parks that would support cultural programs and outdoor events. He will elaborate on these in his report. These could provide an opportunity for collaboration between the recreation, parks and arts programs within our board's domain.

4. Establish an Arts Commission: One of several reasons the public arts program in our city has been so underdeveloped is that it has resided in an atypical domain. It is virtually standard in cities all around us that their arts and cultural services programs are housed in a separate organ of city government, either an Arts Commission or Arts and Culture Commission (Bellevue Arts Commission; Edmonds Arts Commission; Auburn Arts Commission, etc.).

These commissions, established as a separate organ of government, serve as the public entity to promote the arts, foster the growth of the arts, explore financing for arts acquisitions; encourage and recognize local artists, and generally “ensure that arts and culture play a significant role in the quality of life in the city” (Edmonds statement).

The commissioners are appointed by the City Councils, much like PRCS Board members, and make recommendations to the City Councils. Arts and Cultural Services personnel staff the commissions, again similar to our current department.

This model for the arts in city governments does at least two important things. First, it creates an organ of city government whose primary role is to serve as advocate for public arts and culture, while working closely with local not-for-profit arts organizations. Second, it ensures the emergence of a leader for the public arts program that acknowledges public arts management as a recognized specialty and discipline (comparable to the field of parks management. There is even a national organization for leaders of public arts programs similar to the national organization for public parks managers, to which Shoreline belongs).

We recommend that this Board outline our recommendation for the establishment of a Shoreline Arts Commission and present it to the City Manager and the City Council.



Memorandum

DATE: September 24, 2020
TO: PRCS/Tree Board
FROM: Parks Subcommittee
RE: Park Improvement and Property Acquisition Funding

Requested Board Action

Board may decide whether to offer a recommendation on a future ballot measure for Park Improvement and Property Acquisition funding.

Project Description

The Parks Subcommittee are still meeting and discussing details and will present findings at the September PRCS/ Tree Board meeting on September 24, 2020. Information is still being gathered for the presentation and will be made available once it is provided to the Board and Staff.