



## Meeting Minutes for the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Board Meeting

February 23, 2012  
7:00 p.m.

Shoreline City Hall  
Council Chambers

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### 1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Chairman Clements

Park Board Members Present: Carolyn Ballo, Katie Beth, William Clements, Kevin McAuliffe, Joseph Neiford, Boni Biery, Kayla Caldwell, Ellen Anderson

Excused Absence: Jesse Sycuro

City Staff Present: Dick Deal, Director; Lynn Cheeney, Recreation Superintendent; Kirk Peterson, Park Superintendent; Maureen Colaizzi, Park Project Coordinator; Ros Bird, Public Art Coordinator; Lynn Peterson, Administrative Assistant III.

### 2. **Approval of Agenda**

**Mr. Mc Auliffe moved to approve the agenda as written. Ms. Biery seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

### 3. **Approval of Minutes**

**Ms. Beth moved to approve the minutes as written. Mr. Mc Auliffe gave the second. The motion carried.**

### 4. **Public Comment**

- John Dixon, Seattle: requested permission to adopt a community garden bed as a non-Shoreline resident Steward of Twin Ponds Park.
- Patty Hale, Shoreline: Thanked the Board for making improvements to Paramount Park and requested that they be consistent with the master plan. Expressed disappointment in a lack of public process in considering improvements.
- Yoshiko Saheki, Parkwood neighborhood in Shoreline: Stated that the decision to install a community garden at Twin Ponds Park was made without input from those living around and near the park. Although the community garden is an agenda of City Council the Parks Board has the obligation to consult the neighborhood most affected by changes to its parks.
- Jennifer Aspelund, Seattle: Drives to RBSW Park to climb stairs for exercise. Would like to see the exercise equipment approved and wants to have input into the type of equipment installed.
- Jennifer Muhm and daughter Ella, Shoreline: Would like to see swings at the park, particularly infant swings.
- Karen Dean, Shoreline: Thanked the Board for the lap counter at RBSW Park. Very excited about exercise equipment and would like to share ideas.

### 5. **Approval of By-Laws**

Mr. Deal directed the Board to the revised By-Laws which include the changes proposed at prior meetings.

Chairman Clements offered the following editorial corrections:

- o Page 3: Under "Schedule"-- comma and period after year
- o Page 4: capital "I" that doesn't belong

**Chairman Clements called for the motion to approve the By-Laws as revised. So moved by Mr. Neiford, second by Ms. Ballo. Motion carried.**

## 6. Community Garden Discussion

Mr. Deal reviewed the process of establishing a community garden: In October the City met with members of the Parkwood community and Diggin Shoreline, postcards were mailed to residents within a thousand-foot radius of Twin Ponds Park, letters were sent to adjacent neighbors and public meetings have been held. Mr. Deal acknowledged that the process has moved swiftly since September to meet Council goals.

Ms. Colaizzi summarized the community garden meeting held on February 9, 2012 at Trinity Presbyterian Church and displayed design illustrations featuring the results of public collaboration. The February 21<sup>st</sup> community meeting refined these design ideas into the Preferred Master Plan Design handout attached.

The Board offered the following feedback:

Mr. Neiford

- The 10 foot pathways could be narrowed to 3 or 4 feet in between plots and 6 feet for main paths to maximize gardening space
- De-centralize composting
- Centralize gathering area and entrance
- Consider building as you go for accessible beds to accommodate demand
- Acknowledged that ideally it would have been a good thing to hear the neighborhood say that they want the garden there. Assured the public that community gardens, wherever they are, have been a positive addition to the neighborhood

Ms. Biery

- Move the teaching area near the common area to accommodate a larger group
- Create a wider opening into the public area from the entrance

Mr. Mc Auliffe advised a design that allows the flexibility to add more plots in the future.

Ms. Ballo would like to see the archway entrance adjusted out so that the line of sight to the gathering area is easy to recognize.

Chairman Clements recommended making the most of the space and asked about plans for public art. Ms. Colaizzi responded that as the garden moves forward the community may have ideas about what to do for amenities such as art, hedgerows and berms.

Chairman Clements addressed Mr. Dixon's request for a plot. The Board agreed that it is appropriate to allow Stewards of Twin Ponds Park to adopt a garden plot and suggested that consideration be given to the designation of an even larger area of the garden for the Stewards.

**Chairman Clements called for the motion to approve the Community Garden design as presented. Mr. Neiford so moved. Ms Biery seconded. Motion carried. Chairman Clements publicly thanked Ms. Colaizzi for her work.**

## 7. Tobacco-Free Parks Update

70% of respondents to a City-wide online survey indicated support of tobacco-free parks. Staff recommends approval of Ordinance 630 which declares Shoreline parks tobacco-free.

Ms. Biery recommended intentional education of the public as to the advantage of this ordinance. **Ms. Beth moved to recommend approval to the Council. Mr. McAuliffe seconded. Motion carried.**

The Council will meet in March to discuss this issue again. The monetary cost is in signage. Compliance is voluntary.

#### **8. Alcohol in Parks Update and Discussion**

Council has asked for input regarding restricted use of alcohol in selected areas of some Shoreline parks to accommodate public requests. Three possibilities are presently under consideration:

1. Status quo
2. Allow it on the terrace at the bluff trail at RBSW Park
3. With City Manager approval in other locations

The Richmond Highlands Recreation Center and City Hall are the only City of Shoreline sites that currently allow alcohol. The Board spent several minutes deliberating this issue:

- The City is not currently losing business by prohibiting alcohol. Our facilities are full and revenue generation through alcohol permitting is not considered a good rationale for allowing it.
- Concern was expressed about liability issues.
- Ms. Biery advocated for the allowance of alcohol at public events over private parties provided the allowance of alcohol is an exception rather than the rule.
- Ms. Ballo: There are many other places where events with alcohol can be held. By allowing alcohol in parks we would be changing the character of certain parts of our parks and setting a precedent difficult to restrict in the future.
- Chairman Clements: Bond money has been used to create these public spaces. When public spaces are used for private events parking lots are essentially shut down and public use is restricted.
- Ms. Anderson (youth member): Alcohol is not what the parks are for. Parks are for everyone to enjoy, especially kids and kids can't drink. Allowing alcohol is exclusive. Ms. Caldwell (youth member) agreed.

**After considerable discussion no consensus was reached.** The Park Board will meet with the Council on April 2<sup>nd</sup> for an annual update and will continue the discussion leading up to a decision for approval by Council on April 23<sup>rd</sup>.

#### **9. Tree-City USA Update and Discussion**

Tree City USA Ordinances have been approved by Council and the Park Board has been named as the Tree Board. Mr. Deal recommended the formation of a sub-committee to bring a work plan to the Park Board's next meeting. Chairman Clements and Ms. Biery volunteered to serve on the committee. Mr. Sycuro will also be contacted. A meeting will be scheduled within the next 2-3 weeks.

Chairman Clements encouraged those with doubts about whether the Parks Board can serve as a competent Tree Board to give it a chance stating that this Board has the reputation of weighing in fairly and has a strong environmentalist bent. If particular expertise is needed, community experts can be consulted.

#### **10. Approval of Paramount Park Play Equipment**

Mr. Peterson presented a proposal for play equipment replacement at Paramount Park. At present, three Shoreline parks contain play equipment dating back to 1995: Northcrest, RBSW Park and Paramount. Of the three, Paramount Park receives the highest level of

usage. The Tot Lot which was installed in 2004 would remain. The public has expressed a strong desire for swings so four sets of swings, two tot swings and the rest standard, will be installed. The design also includes cardio workout structures for adults.

This project is estimated to cost around \$71,000 depending upon purchasing fees and falls within the 2012 Maintenance, Repair and Replacement budget.

**Chairman Clements called for the motion to approve new equipment at Paramount Park as presented with an allowance for a retaining wall. Mr. McAuliffe moved. Ms. Ballo seconded. Motion carried.**

**11. Approval of Exercise Equipment at RBSW Park**

Mr. Peterson introduced the proposed location for the installation of outdoor exercise equipment at Richmond Beach Saltwater Park: the first platform on the bottom of the first flight of stairs. Staff made initial equipment proposals but nothing has yet been purchased and public recommendations will be considered. Based on staff recommended equipment, current expenses total under \$20,000 to be funded out of the 2012 Maintenance, Repair and Replacement budget.

Ms. Biery recommended that this equipment be installed in lesser funded parks given that RBSW Park already has many amenities and will also be considered for upgrades next year. Chairman Clements advocated for equipment placement in high use regional parks rather than significant expenditures in neighborhood parks at this time in keeping with the PROS Plan.

Staff recommended moving forward, monitoring equipment use and durability at RBSW Park and then consider placing it in other locations throughout the City. An equipment proposal will be brought to the Board at the March 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting after conferring with interested members of the public.

**Chairman Clements called for a motion to extend the meeting until 9:20. So moved by Ms. Ballo, and seconded by Ms. Beth. Motion carried.**

**12. Annual Report to Council on April 2 Preparation**

On April 2 the Parks Board will present a 2012 Parks Board Work Plan and Tree Board Work Plan and will discuss alcohol in parks.

**13. Staff Reports**

Ms. Bird:

- Dedication of Spartan Recreation Center Artwork
- Interurban Trail Mile Markers

Mr. Peterson:

- New foul poles at Hamlin and Shoreview Parks and ball field prep
- Mainline replacement at RBSW Park after years of patching to reduce water waste
- Community Garden at Twin Ponds Park irrigation installation and shed placement

Ms. Cheeney:

- First series of lifeguard instructor classes has 10 students
- Shoreline pool closes next week for annual maintenance
- Teen program is thriving
- Tween Nights averages 125 kids every month at Richmond Highlands Rec
- Special Olympic basketball teams are headed to Wenatchee to compete in tournaments
- Shoreline Eats 4Health, Wednesday, March 28 in Council Chambers. First program in the Shoreline 4Health Series

Ms. Colaizzi:

- Twenty volunteers planted 200 cedar trees during the Mountains to Sound South Woods Restoration Work Party
- Community Garden Public meeting on February 9
- RBSW Park restoration work parties continue throughout February and March
- Off-leash study group searching for an eastside location
- Echo Lake Park Improvement. Feedback from recent meetings will come back to the Park Board for information in March

Mr. Deal:

- First week of March is FEMA training in Washington DC
- Kruckeberg parking lot is moving forward with design and bid in April and construction mid to late May.

**13. Meeting Adjourned**

**With no further business, Chairman Clements called for the motion to adjourn.**

**Ms. Ballo moved. Ms. Beth Seconded. Motion carried. The Park Board meeting closed at 9:20 pm.**

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