

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

March 22, 2012 7:00 p.m.

Shoreline City Hall Council Chambers

## 1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Chairman Clements

Park Board Members Present: Carolyn Ballo, William Clements, Kevin McAuliffe, Jesse Sycuro, Kayla Caldwell, Ellen Anderson, 80NI BIERY

Excused Absence: Joseph Neiford, Katie Beth

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

# 2. Approval of Agenda

Mr. McAuliffe moved to approve the agenda as written. Ms. Ballo seconded the motion. The motion carried.

## 3. Approval of Minutes

Mr. McAuliffe moved to approve the minutes as written. Ms. Ballo gave the second. The motion carried.

#### 4. Public Comment

Jennifer Aspelund of Seattle addressed the Board in support of the installation of proposed exercise equipment at Richmond Beach Saltwater Park.

# 5. Eagle Scout, Terryl Erickson Report

Mr. Peterson introduced Terryl Erickson who presented a PowerPoint regarding the compost bin construction progress at the Community Garden at Twin Ponds. Completion of the bins is expected in April or May depending upon the availability of troop members, the community garden construction schedule, and the weather. Mr. Peterson and Ms. Colaizzi will work with Mr. Erickson to resolve any remaining design questions and bin placement.

Chairman Clements called for the motion to approve the compost bin design and construction as presented. Ms. Ballo moved and Mr. Sycuro seconded the motion. The motion carried.

#### 6. Echo Lake Park Improvements

Ms. Colaizzi provided an update of the Echo Lake Park improvement process to date via PowerPoint. Community meetings have provided feedback regarding desired improvements and amenities. Seattle City Light has strongly discouraged the placement of any structures beneath power lines on that property. The next community meeting has been rescheduled from April until June in order to allow time to explore alternatives that will accommodate both community desire and Seattle City Light requirements.

#### 7. Eastside Off-Leash Area

Ms. Colaizzi identified three potential off-leash sites identified by the study group to date:

- 1. Fircrest property located at 1750 NE 150<sup>th</sup> St.
- 2. James Keough Park located at 2301 N. 167th St.
- 3. Aldercrest Annex located at 2545 NE 200th St.

The Fircrest site is the preferred site of the study group. Ms. Colaizzi will return to the Board at a future meeting with more information following additional conversation with DSHS regarding site availability.

Mr. Deal proposed an amendment to the agenda to move item 11 (Seattle Public Utilities Acquisition) ahead of item 8 to accommodate the Public Works presentation of the Seattle Public Utilities acquisition. Chairman Clements approved.

# 8. Seattle Public Utilities Acquisition

Mark Relph, Public Works Director, presented the history and progress of the utility acquisition to date via PowerPoint. The sale of SPU assets to the City at the cost of \$25 million related to water distribution has been negotiated over a 2-year period to be completed in 2020. The City is still in the process of negotiation with SPU in preparation for a vote by Shoreline residents in November 2012. The acquisition would be funded through a revenue bond issued by the City following voter approval, and paid for by the rate payers at a cost equal to or less than current SPU rates.

#### 9. Alcohol in Parks

Mr. Deal met with the City Manager and Councilmember Winstead to discuss the City allowance of restricted use of alcohol in parks. Councilmember Winstead asked the Parks Board to consider three test locations for restricted alcohol use over an 18 month trial period.

- Ms. Biery stated approval for limited alcohol use for community-sponsored events
- Ms. Ballo expressed strong disapproval of any City-approved alcohol in parks
- Mr. McAuliffe stated that he does not see any benefit to deviating from existing policies
- Mr. Sycuro expressed support of a trial period as recommended but for a shorter period of time than 18 months
- Chairman Clements stated opposition to any allowance of alcohol in the parks
- Youth members Anderson and Caldwell maintained their prior opinion that alcohol should not be allowed in any public parks

Chairman Clements called for the vote to approve a trial period of alcohol use in parks. The vote was 3 to 2 (not including youth members) opposed to the trial period.

#### 10. Exercise Equipment at RBSW Park

Mr. Peterson presented the equipment that was selected by members of the community in consultation with Foreman Tony Colinas and Mr. Deal. The equipment has gone out to bid which will remain open for one more week at an estimated cost of \$14,000. Chairman Clements called for the vote to approve the exercise equipment as presented. So moved by Ms. Biery and seconded by Mr. Sycuro. The motion carried. Bids are anticipated to come back to the Board at the April 26 meeting.

#### 11. Paramount Park Play Equipment Update

Mr. Peterson shared information about the progress of new play equipment and swings installation at Paramount Park. The estimated total of \$80,000 includes the 2% KCDA fee plus swing set costs and funds are available for this project in the 2012 Repair and Replacement Budget.

# 12. Tree City & Park Board 2012 Work Plan Draft

Mr. Deal presented a draft of the 2012 work plan for both the Parks Board and the new Tree Board (see attachment). Also included but not listed would be an annual report by Public Works and Foreman Tony Colinas. Mr. Sycuro recommended adding a tree inventory to the annual Park Board Park Tour in July.

Ms. Ballo moved to extend the meeting to 9:15pm. This was seconded by Mr. McAuliffe and unanimously approved.

# 13. Annual Report to Council on April 2nd

2011 Accomplishments and a 2012 Work Plan will be shared with Council on April 2<sup>nd</sup>. The chair and Vice-Chair as well as all Parks Board members are encouraged to attend. The creation of an Urban Forest Management Plan will be addressed at that time.

# 14. Staff Reports

Mr. Deal reported on behalf of Public Art Coordinator, Ros Bird

- In response to an article in Shoreline Area News, 8 pianos have been donated to the Street Piano project in addition to several donated pianos from Prosser Piano in Shoreline
- Installation of the Lantern Man Mile Markers is scheduled for April
- Banners will be hung in May
- A committee will review sculpture proposals for the Sculpture Stroll scheduled for August 2012

#### Mr. Peterson

- Ridgecrest Neighborhood Association work party and the Evergreen School work party at Twin Ponds Park both great successes
- Community Garden raised beds are under construction
- Water Quality Enhancement effort regarding pet poop pick up

# Ms. Cheeney

- Spring/Summer program registration began today with 373 registrants and revenues of \$18,000 by 4pm
- The addition of electric bikes at Spartan add power to the building
- Shoreline Youth Ambassadors surveyed area teens about communication, time use, interests, support and what they would like to change. 77% felt that Shoreline supports teens well
- Rec-N-Crew is a program for teens located at the Richmond Highlands Recreation Center that is focused on leadership development
- Next Wednesday premiers Shoreline Eats4Health at City Hall
- New employee, Carmen Murrell has been hired to work with the Specialized Recreation program
- Volunteer Soiree is scheduled for Wednesday, April 18 at 5:30pm in City Hall. All Parks Board members are invited to attend

Ms. Biery moved to extend the meeting to 9:25. Mr. McAuliffe seconded the motion and received unanimous approval.

## Ms. Colaizzi

- Saltwater Park restoration and track pick-up volunteer event
- Community Garden Registration began and within one hour all plots were filled and a wait list begun
- Diggin Shoreline Gardener's Gathering and Garden walk-through
- DogFest moves to Hamlin Park this year on August 11

Mr. Deal updated the Board on the Council discussion regarding tobacco-free parks. The Council has asked staff to present a modified proposal reflecting a partial ban in particular areas of certain parks for discussion next Monday night. Mr. Deal's recommendation to Council will be to institute a complete ban on tobacco in parks in order to be consistent with the City's adopted Healthy City Strategy and to minimize signage complications.

The first Shoreline City Farmer's Market is currently anticipated to be situated in the City Hall parking garage and courtyard on Saturdays from 10-3 beginning June 16<sup>th</sup>.

15. Meeting Adjourned

With no further business, Chairman Clements called for the motion to adjourn. Ms. Ballo moved. Mr. Sycuro seconded. Motion carried. The meeting of the Parks Board adjourned at 9:25pm.

Signature of Park Board Chair

Signature of Minute Writer

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