



Meeting Minutes for the Parks, Recreation
and Cultural Services Board / Tree Board
Meeting

April 25, 2013
7:00 p.m.

Shoreline City Hall
Council Chambers

1. Call to Order/Attendance

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

Park Board Members Present: Katie Beth, Christine Southwick, Garry Lingerfelt, Kevin McAuliffe, Betsy Robertson

Excused Absence: Jesse Sycuro, John Hoey

City Staff Present: Dick Deal, Director; Kirk Peterson, Parks Superintendent; Maureen Colaizzi, Parks Projects Coordinator; Ros Bird, Public Art Coordinator; Sheryle Harp, Administrative Assistant II

- 2. Approval of Agenda:** Mr. McAuliffe called for a motion to approve the agenda. Ms. Southwick so moved; Ms. Beth seconded. The motion carried.
- 3. Approval of Minutes:** Mr. McAuliffe called for a motion to approve the March minutes as written. Ms. Beth so moved; Ms. Southwick seconded. The motion carried.
- 4. Public Comment:** Jim Fleming of Shoreline spoke regarding Sunset School Park property. He has enjoyed using the field as an unofficial off-leash area for the last 15 years and he would like to see the City continue to allow off-leash activity until construction begins or designate a time for the dogs to be off-leash.

Lynn Mortimer of Shoreline also advocated for an off-leash area at Sunset School Park stating a preference for the grassy field at Sunset over the gravel at Shoreview Off Leash Area. Ms. Mortimer stated that the population in the area is aging and many are not able to walk their dogs, this off-leash area keeps the dogs happy and socializing.

Robert Robinson of Shoreline also commented in favor of dogs being able to be off-leash at the Sunset Park property. He feels it is a great place for people and dogs to interact. He stated that he would encourage the City to make a ruling to let dogs be off-leash.

Leann Hofford of Shoreline expressed her support of the community garden. She has talked to over 60 people who live in the nearby apartments who represent a diverse community of people who are excited to have the opportunity to garden in their neighborhood. The

manager of the apartments has offered to translate for the many apartment residents do not speak English.

Ed Omland of Shoreline spoke in favor of allowing off leash dogs at Sunset School Park. He is not a dog owner but feels the parks gives a sense of community and it is a great place for dogs to have their freedom and their owners take care of the property. He hopes the public can continue to use the area for dogs to run off leash.

Lynn Huston of Shoreline expressed appreciation for all of the work Dick and Maureen have done. She spoke in favor of approving the staff recommendation to move the development of the park forward believing the recommendation represents the desires of the community.

Mr. Deal thanked the community for their comments and described the process for making improvements or modifications to a park. Park planning is a very public process that invites citizen input on a variety of levels over time. The recommendations being proposed tonight do not include an off-leash area because that desire was not part of the approved master plan and the Board is not prepared to make a decision tonight. The Board will tour the parks in July and a review of the Sunset School Park master plan will take place at that time. If they choose to, the Board could add the discussion of an off-leash area at Sunset School Park to a future agenda.

Mr. Deal informed the Board that one of the biggest community complaints received by the Parks Department concerns dogs off leash. The school district did not enforce the leash law on this school property but off leash activity has never been legally sanctioned. Mr. Deal reminded the Board that a third off leash area will be opening at Fircrest later this summer as the result of significant public process and Board approval.

5. Staff Reports

Ros Bird, Public Art Update

- New artwork has been installed on the 4th floor on two-year loan.
- The next gallery opening will take place May 2, from 5:30-7:00p.m.
 - The current exhibit will run from May 2 through July 26.
 - "No Boundaries 2013 Beginnings & Beyond," consists of artwork by artists with disabilities.
- The City still has two open calls for artists: Piano Time piano painters and Sculpture Stroll sculptures.

Dick Deal, Recreation Update

- Shoreline Pool
 - April Pools Day on April 13 brought in over 90 citizens
 - Gators Summer Swim team has 139 youth enrolled
 - Spring break lifeguard training course is offered
- All Nations Cup
 - This international soccer tournament will be hosted in Shoreline July 26 – August 11 at Shoreline A/B fields and the Shoreline Stadium.

- New Staff
 - Shaina Swift has been welcomed as the new Administrative Assistant II at the Spartan Recreation Center
 - Phoebe Faulds has started as a new Senior Guard at the Pool
 - Tween programming demand has skyrocketed. These programs include Tween Nights, Tween Lock-in Overnights and Loco Camp.

Maureen Colaizzi, Parks Development

- The Fircrest property will open as a new Off Leash Dog Area this summer and includes two acres of fenced lawn.
- Richmond Beach Saltwater Park restoration efforts are underway utilizing both volunteers and UW students.
- New entry arbor and signage is coming to Kruckeberg Botanic Garden.
- The Shoreline Pool energy audit, including a repair and replacement needs analysis is underway.

6. Kruckeberg Sculpture Donation

Ros Bird discussed the remaining concerns to be addressed in order for the sculpture donation to move forward such as required safety standards for play structures and neighborhood clearance for installation. **Mr. McAuliffe called for the vote to approve the acceptance of the donation pending satisfaction of the requirements as described in the packet. Ms. Beth moved to approve and Ms. Southwick seconded. The motion carried.**

7. Eagle Scout Project

Scout Peter Haderlie presented his proposal to install a fence for the off-leash dog area of Fircrest campus as his Eagle Scout project. Mr. Haderlie has met with Parks Maintenance Manger, Tony Colinas to discuss the logistical details. Mr. Deal and the Board members publicly thanked Mr. Haderlie for his project proposal. **Mr. McAuliffe called for the motion to approve the project as presented. Mr. Lingerfelt so moved and Ms. Robertson seconded. The motion carried.**

8. Sunset School Park Update

Ms. Colaizzi provided an update of the progress to date with Sunset School Park as outlined in the packet memo. Results of the public survey were reviewed in conjunction with an explanation of available funds. A timeline for implementation was reviewed with the Board as outlined in the packet. Staff recommendation includes proceeding with required improvements, grant applications and the implementation of community priorities as follows:

- Priority #1: Tot Lot swings, table, benches
- Priority #2: Pathway connections
- Priority #3: Community garden
- Priority #4: Restroom enclosure
- Priority #5: Basketball court
- Priority #6: Field improvements

Mr. McAuliffe called for the motion to approve the staff recommendation. So moved by Ms Southwick and seconded by Mr. Lingerfelt. The motion carried.

9. Guidelines for Public Presentations

In response to citizen requests for presentation time in excess of public comment, Mr. Deal asked the Board to consider guidelines for allowing public presentations in excess of the time allotted for public comment. No action was taken at this time but guidelines will be brought as an action item to the next Board meeting.

10. Orientation to Parks Projects and Maintenance

Mr. Peterson presented a PowerPoint overview of Park Maintenance duties and responsibilities as a way of orienting new board members to this aspect of the PRCS department. The presentation included a Parks inventory, athletic field maintenance and use, a description of contracted services, routine maintenance activities, capital improvements, playground upgrades, shelter rentals, special event assistance and public art installations.

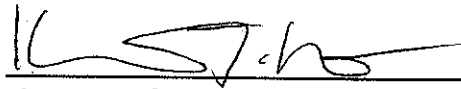
11. Chair and Vice-Chair Nomination Process

Mr. Deal described the process to elect a new Board chair and vice-chair. Elections will take place at the May 23rd Board meeting.

Mr. Deal asked for volunteers from the Board to serve as members on the Regional Trail Signage Committee that begins in June 2013. No members were appointed at this time.

12. Adjourn

Hearing no further business Mr. McAuliffe called for the motion to adjourn. Ms. Beth so moved and Mr. Lingerfelt seconded. The meeting of the April 2013 PRCS/Tree Board adjourned at 9:01 pm.



Signature of Park Board Chair Date 5/23/13



Signature of Minute Writer Date 5-23-13