



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

May 23, 2013
7:00 p.m.

Shoreline City Hall
Council Chambers

1. Call to Order/Attendance

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair Sycuro at 7:00 p.m.

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

Excused Tardy: John Hoey (arrived at 7:27 p.m.)

City Staff Present: Dick Deal, Director; Kirk Peterson, Parks Superintendent; Mary Reidy, Recreation Superintendent; Maureen Colaizzi, Parks Projects Coordinator; Ros Bird, Public Art Coordinator; Lynn Peterson, Administrative Assistant III

- 2. Election of Chair/Vice-Chair:** Mr. Deal explained the process for election of Chair and Vice-Chair including their respective areas of responsibility. Any member of the Board may be nominated. A second is required for the candidate to be considered. **Mr. Deal opened the floor to nominations for Chair. Mr. Sycuro nominated Ms Beth. Ms. Southwick seconded the nomination. Hearing no further nominations Mr. Deal called for the vote to elect Katie Beth to Chair of the PRCS/Tree Board. A unanimous vote was cast.**

Ms. Beth called for nominations for Vice-Chair. Mr. McAuliffe nominated Mr. Sycuro and this nomination was seconded by Ms. Robertson. Hearing no further nominations, Ms. Beth moved to close the nominations and cast a vote to elect Mr. Sycuro to Vice-Chair. Mr. Lingerfelt seconded the motion and a unanimous ballot was cast to elect Jesse Sycuro to Vice-Chair.

- 3. Approval of Agenda:** Chair Beth called for the motion to approve the agenda as written. Mr. Sycuro so moved and Mr. McAuliffe seconded. The motion carried.
- 4. Approval of Minutes:** Chair Beth called for the motion to approve the minutes as written. Ms. Southwick so moved and Mr. Sycuro seconded. The motion carried.
- 5. Public Comment:**
- Lance Young, Shoreline, stated his desire to form a citizen committee to provide input into the Seattle City Light Franchise Agreement.
 - Boni Biery, Shoreline, called the Board's attention to the memo from Mr. Deal in the PRCS Board agenda packet that identifies the members of this Board as the Tree Board and she emphasized their role in reference to the Franchise Agreement with Seattle City Light.
 - Janet Way, Shoreline, spoke in favor of the Board's consideration of the Seattle City Light Franchise concerning the treatment of trees.

- Patty Pfeiffer, Shoreline, spoke to the importance of trees in Shoreline and urged serious consideration of the Franchise Agreement with Seattle City Light.
- Cynthia Hunt, Shoreline, spoke in favor of the preservation of Shoreline's natural environment in reference to the Franchise Agreement with Seattle City Light.

6. Staff Reports

Kirk Peterson, Parks Maintenance

- 2500 trout have been planted in Echo Lake.
- The Community Garden has expanded to include 1500 additional square feet for the Giving Garden which donates all produce to the local Food Bank.
- The annual Richmond Beach Strawberry Festival was held on May 11. The Parks Dept. supports this effort by locating the Showmobile onsite and managing waste.
- An emergency tree removal was required along 192nd and Meridian.
- Play equipment was upgraded at Sunset School Park and it is now open to the public.

Maureen Colaizzi, Parks Development

- The east side off-leash dog area is under construction. The Eagle Scout project approved by the Board in April to construct fencing around the site will begin the second week in June. A dedication of the site is scheduled for July 13 at 10:00 a.m.
- Sunset Park
 - Play equipment and park access from 10th Ave NW is now open.
 - Bids go out tomorrow for seeding of the lower field area.
 - Portable restrooms will be installed this summer
- The Shoreline Pool boiler failed after 42 years of use. The City is in the process of purchasing and installing a new boiler and will reopen the Pool as soon as possible.
- Meridian Park wetland enhancement and enlargement for storm water storage begins in June. Grading will take place this summer and plantings will be installed this fall.
- Work parties have been scheduled to clear vegetation from the stairs at RBSW Park in preparation for the second annual Million Stair Challenge.
- Ms. Colaizzi invited Board members to participate in the Trail Corridors Way-finding Signage Community Group. Mr. Sycuro volunteered to participate.

7. Kruckeberg Botanic Garden Annual Report

Mr. Deal introduced Brianne Zorn, Executive Director of KBG.

- Ms. Zorn provided an overview of the beginnings of the garden, its mission, and the Board's founding.
- 2012 statistics included numbers of visitors, volunteer hours, members, classes, activities, Facebook popularity, and monthly e-news mailings.
- Major projects in 2012 included the parking lot funded by the City, an entry arbor, interpretive signage which is currently underway, and Phase One of the Native Plant Demonstration Garden.
- Adult Education programs have increased by double digits since 2011 and the "Garden Tots" environmental education program for children is expanding. KBG is also a popular destination for school field trips.
- Volunteers logged over 4,000 hours in 2012.
- The annual Mother's Day plant sale generated \$14,000 in revenue.
- Most of the income to support the garden comes from the City contract and nursery sales. The rest of the support comes from fund raising and marketing endeavors.
- The addition of a full time executive staff person has resulted in increased revenue.

- The garden is constantly looking for ways to expand workshops, programs, visitation, academic partnerships and environmental education for the City of Shoreline and the school district.
- Goals include the addition of a green house, trucks, tractors, classroom space and shelter spaces for education.
- Ms. Robertson asked about the progress of the donated art installation. Mr. Deal responded that the stipulations required to complete the installation are in process.
- Mr. Deal publicly thanked Ms. Zorn for her foresight, wisdom and energy that contribute to the success of the garden. He commended the relationship of the Garden with the City.
- Mr. Sycuro asked Mr. Deal about the present financial condition of the garden compared to the vision when it began. Mr. Deal responded that the initial intent to have the garden be self-supporting has proven to be unsustainable. Presently the City supports the Garden at \$40,000 per year which is a low cost way for the City to provide a botanic garden experience to the community. While the Foundation is surviving financially under Ms. Zorn's leadership, they may need increased financial support from the City.

8. Hillwood Mini-Grant

Mr. Deal introduced Ms. Biery, Hillwood resident, and Ms. O'Brien-Ochs, City Neighborhood Coordinator. Ms. Biery introduced Ann Erickson from the Hillwood Neighborhood Association and Lisa Stubing of Mud Puddle Fitness. Ms. Biery requested the Board's approval of the proposal as it reads in the agenda packet. The particular pieces of equipment will be determined by City staff and the Neighborhood Association together. The Board asked clarifying questions regarding the budget and equipment requested as well as questions about the appeal and safety of equipment choices. Questions were addressed by both Ms. Biery and Ms. Stubing. **Chair Beth called for the motion to approve the proposal by the Hillwood Neighborhood Association. So moved by Ms. Southwick and seconded by Mr. Lingerfelt. The motion carried.**

9. Seattle City Light Franchise Agreement

Mr. Deal stated that the Agreement is presently in negotiation and will be open to further public input when it goes before the City Council. Lance Young, Shoreline, then addressed the Board:

- Mr. Young distributed paper copies of the online agenda packet attachment and stressed two particular points: line clearance and replanting guidelines.
- Mr. Young requested the Board move to advise the Council to delay action on the franchise agreement until the Tree Board has time to review in depth the issues involved in vegetation management around power lines.
- Mr. Deal asked the Board to submit questions and feedback to City staff who will gather informed responses by the next PRCS Board meeting.
- The Board requested a copy of the approved street tree list. This will be emailed to the Tree Board members by City Staff and the list itself will be open for revision by the Board this fall.
- Mr. Sycuro suggested that a smaller group of Board members be appointed to discuss the franchise issue at greater depth.
- Ms. Robertson questioned the purpose of stalling negotiations given that prior Board members and City staff already have all of the information presented this evening.
- Ms. Southwick requested clarification regarding public and private trees referred to in the agreement. SCL agreement refers to both public and private trees.
- Mr. Lingerfelt spoke in favor of the establishment of a sub-committee to look at this issue in more depth. **Chair Beth called for volunteers to serve on a subcommittee: Mr. Lingerfelt, Ms. Southwick and Ms. Robertson volunteered to serve.**

10. Public Art Projects

a. Echo Lake Mural

Ms. Bird reviewed the process for selecting artists to paint a new mural at the Holyhood site in the Echo lake neighborhood at 205th. Artist Andy Eccelshell is the artist recommended by the subcommittee to the Board for approval. The final design will be presented to the Board at the June meeting. **Chair Beth called for the motion to approve Andy Eccelshell as recommended by the subcommittee. Ms. Robertson so moved. The motion carried.**

b. From the Ground Up

This initiative introduces temporary environmental/recycled art installations to enliven and engage people and spaces throughout Shoreline. The art subcommittee recommends three artists for this project: Briar Bates, Cynthia Knox and Meghan Lancaster.

c. Piano Time Artists

Arts al Fresco will take place on August 1st featuring large sculpture installations at the Park at Town Center and the City Hall lawn, and the installation of painted pianos at various locations throughout the City. Twelve applicants responded to the call for piano artists. The subcommittee recommends the following artists for approval: Karien Balluff, Marsha Lippert, and Carol Meckling.

d. Sculpture Stroll Artists

The subcommittee has reviewed sculpture proposals and recommends the following artists for approval by the Board depending upon installation details and requirements: Jeff Tangen, Michael Johnson, Kevin Au, Bruce Johnson, Rodger Squirrel, Lin McJunkin, Will Robinson, James Lapp, Mark Twain Stevenson, and Andrew Matt.

Ms. Beth called for the motion to approve all of the artists as recommended by the sub-committee pending installation details. Ms. Southwick Moved and Mr. Sycuro seconded. The motion carried.

Ms. Beth called for the motion to extend the meeting until 9:15. So moved by Mr. Hoey and seconded by Ms. Southwick. The motion carried.

11. Orientation to Recreation

Mary Reidy, Recreation Superintendent provided an overview of the Recreation division that included the following:

- The bulk of the PRCS budget goes to support the Recreation Division
- The City partners with The Shoreline Historical Museum, Shoreline Arts Council, City of Lake Forest Park, the YMCA, and youth sports organizations to bring services to the community.
- Specialized Recreation serves people with developmental and physical limitations.
- The Pool offers water safety classes, public swims, lifeguard trainings, exercise classes and swim lessons.
- Recreation offers multiple camps for youth and teens.
- The Recreation Division oversees facility rentals that include both indoor and outdoor venues.
- Youth and Teen development programming are an important aspect of recreation outreach.
- Spartan Recreation Center is home to all recreation registration and many programs. It is owned by the School district and operated by the City through a joint use agreement
- Active Adult programming is new this year and includes Shoreline Walks, Trips, and the Million Stair Challenge.

12. Director Updates

- Mr. Deal invited the Board to the State of the City Breakfast on Thursday, June 6, 7-8:30 a.m.
- In the reading packet is a letter responding to the email received by the Board by Mr. Bachety.
- The Arts Council Gala is Saturday, June 1.st

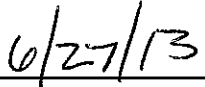
- Staff has received input from the Board that a change in meeting venue may be welcome. Mr. Deal suggested that the next meeting be held in room 301.

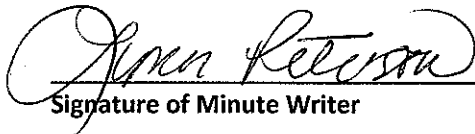
13. **Adjourn**

Hearing no further business Chair Beth called for the motion to adjourn. Mr. Sycuro moved and Mr. Lingerfelt seconded. The May meeting of the PRCS/Tree Board adjourned at 9:20 p.m.


Signature of Chair

Date




Signature of Minute Writer

Date

