



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

**June 26, 2014
7:00 p.m.**

**Shoreline City Hall
Room 303**

1. Call to Order/Attendance

The meeting was called to order by Chair Beth at 7: 02 p.m.

Park Board Members Present: Al Wagar, John Hoey, Christine Southwick, Garry Lingerfelt, Katie Beth,

Excused Absence: Jesse Sycuro, Betsy Robertson, Vadim Dolgov

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

2. Approval of Agenda: Chair Beth called for a motion to approve the agenda as written. Mr. Deal requested a modification of the agenda to include the election of Chair and Vice-Chair. Chair Beth called for a motion to approve the agenda as amended. So moved by Mr. Lingerfelt and seconded by Ms. Southwick. The motion carried.

3. Approval of Minutes: Chair Beth called for a motion to approve the May 2014 minutes as written. So moved by Mr. Hoey and seconded by Ms. Southwick. The motion carried.

4. Public Comment: Lance Young, Shoreline, reported on the progress of the negotiations between Seattle City Light and the City in relationship to tree preservation on the Interurban Trail. The ground line at the south end of the trail has been removed from the agreement resulting in the preservation of several large Douglas Firs.

5. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair: Mr. Deal explained the election process and the floor was subsequently opened for nominations. Mr. Lingerfelt moved to elect Katie Beth to continue to serve as Board Chair. Seconded by Ms. Southwick. Hearing no others, nominations were closed and the vote was called. The nomination carried with unanimous approval.

Chair Beth called for nominations for Vice-Chair. Mr. Lingerfelt nominated Jesse Sycuro to continue to serve in his current capacity as Vice-Chair. Mr. Sycuro indicated in an email to the Board that he would serve if elected. Hearing no further nominations the floor was closed and Ms. Beth called for the vote to elect Mr. Sycuro as Vice-Chair. So moved by Mr. Lingerfelt and seconded by Ms. Southwick. The motion carried with unanimous approval.

6. Staff Reports

Kirk Peterson, Parks Superintendent:

- Eight Red Maples were planted this month at Cromwell Park.
- EarthCorps is constructing the foundation for holding bins to be used by the Community Garden and Park Stewards at Twin Ponds Park.

- Staff has engaged in power washing the tennis courts throughout the City.
- Vegetation control is an ongoing project throughout City parks.
- A new split-rail fence has been installed at Sunset School Park to deter people from driving on the field.
- Habitat snags provide a home for woodpeckers at Shoreline Park.
- A recent fire at Richmond Beach Saltwater Park did minimal damage.
- Shoreline Community College is conducting a habitat restoration project on their property.
- The YMCA installs sheds for camp storage in the parking lots of Shoreline parks each summer.
- Over the 4th of July weekend the Sanicans will be pulled from parks to prevent vandalism over the holiday.

Mary Reidy, Recreation Superintendent

- Counselor-In-Training (CIT) is full with 28 kids enrolled. Ten current camp counselors received their training as CIT's.
- Camp LOCO is a very popular camp for 11-14 year olds. It has only one spot left for the entire summer.
- Camp Shoreline is also nearly full for all ages with over 1800 kids registered so far this summer.
- Camp Excel is a four-week camp for youth with profound disabilities that begins Monday and is based at Meridian Park Elementary School. 10 kids are currently enrolled. Camp Explore began last summer to meet the needs for teens with profound disabilities and runs for one week in August.
- In response to an influx of campers with severe allergies, staff has developed a strategy for the administration of EpiPens when necessary.
- Two staff positions are currently vacant: one Administrative Assistant II position at Spartan Recreation Center and a Teen Program Assistant position. Hundreds of applicants have been screened and are in the initial testing phase. Both positions should be filled by the end of the summer.
- Gators Swim League is underway with 147 swimmers enrolled.
- The Million Step Challenge was a huge success at Paramount School Park. The Million Stair Challenge at Richmond Beach Saltwater Park will close its third successful season on Monday.

Maureen Colaizzi, Park Development Coordinator

- Sunset School Park is under construction. Play equipment will be installed by next week, the lawn is green and growing, and the backstop and benches are in.
- The contractor will begin work at Echo Lake next week.
- Staff is applying for another DNR "Urban Forestry Restoration Project" grant that would fund the pruning of young street trees and/or restoration in City parks. The grant is valued at \$20,000. The work would be done this winter by the Washington Conservation Corps over a period of four weeks.
- Staff met with a playground equipment company to consult about a base cost estimate for improvements at Northcrest Park. This park will be included in the July Parks Tour where the input of Board members will be solicited.
- Staff summarized the restoration work completed at Southwoods Park that was funded through Mountains to Sound Greenway. Details are explained in the June agenda packet report.
- Mr. Deal informed the Board about the installation of a telecommunications antenna on top of a light pole at Twin Ponds Park. The poles generate roughly \$3,200 per month in revenue for the City. There are currently four such poles in Shoreline Parks. This would likely begin construction in the fall.

7. Hidden Lake Management Feasibility Study

Eric Gilmore, Senior Engineering Technician for the City of Shoreline is managing the project. This is a Surface Water project which will require Council approval prior to implementation of any staff or Board recommendation. Mr. Gilmore introduced Erin Nelson of Alta Terra Consulting who is working with the City to study alternative methods of maintaining Hidden Lake partially located in Boeing Creek Park. A portion of the lake fills with sediment on an annual basis and the City currently dredges the lake to maintain it. Ms. Nelson explained the consequence of heavy rainfall on the creek which carries the sandy soil from the hillsides into Hidden Lake causing it to fill significantly each year. The cost of dredging and the amount of material removed since 2002 was displayed as were geomorphic conditions going back as far as 2001. Alternatives to dredging were presented via PowerPoint presentation.

Public Comment is being received through public meetings. Community concerns vary regarding the cost to the City if dredging continues, the impact on the surrounding natural areas and homes, the consequences for habitat, questions about what happens during the interim period if dredging is discontinued, and potential trespassing issues should the lake be allowed to fill.

The Board asked questions regarding the legal rights of property owners who currently own lakefront property, and what would happen if the M-1 Dam remained but the City stopped dredging. This information is currently not available and more investigation is required. The City Council will be presented with the results of the study at the August 25, 2014 City Council meeting. Hidden Lake will be one of the sites visited on the PRCS Parks Board tour in July at which time the Board will be given the opportunity to take action on the alternatives presented to them as a recommendation to the City Council.

8. Hillwood Minigrant Proposal

Boni Biery, Chair of the Hillwood Community Network, presented the proposal as illustrated in the agenda packet. Ms. Biery explained the scope of the work, the plant selection, design, and function. The project is funded through a \$5,000 environmental minigrant. Stormwater will contract with EarthCorps to provide maintenance through the initial phase of development. Following initial monitoring, the next phase will require Park Board discussion and approval prior to being developed. Board members expressed the desire to move the phases through more quickly if initial monitoring is positive.

Following discussion, Chair Beth called for the motion to approve the initial phase of the project as presented. So moved by Ms. Southwick and seconded by Mr. Wagar with the provision that there be flexibility for the Board to approve a quicker development. The motion carried.

9. Public Art Approvals

Acceptance of Donated Art: Bruce and Joanne Amundson and an anonymous donor would like to purchase the Redwood Lantern sculpture on display at City Hall as part of the Sculpture Stroll for donation back to the City. The Board discussed future plans for the location of the sculpture and clarified that any future moves would be at no cost to the City. Ms. Bird clarified that all the sculptures are for sale to purchase for private collections or donation back to the City. The Public Art Policy was referenced for guidelines relating to the acceptance of artwork. 15% of the purchase price will go into the Public Art Fund.

Hearing no further discussion Chair Beth called for the motion to approve the acceptance of the Redwood Lantern into the Public Art Permanent Collection. So moved by Mr. Lingerfelt and seconded by Mr. Wagar. The motion carried.

Sunset School Park Entryway Artwork Concept: Following deliberation by the Public Art Subcommittee, the artist's design (Attachment A) was recommended for Board approval. Concerns about entrapment and durability were considered. Installation is anticipated this fall with a dedication on October 4th.

Chair Beth called for a motion to approve the Sunset School Park entryway artwork concept as presented. So moved by Mr. Wagar and seconded by Mr. Lingerfelt. The motion carried.

10. Annual Park and Facilities Tour

The Board recommended the following sites to be toured at the next meeting:

- Hidden Lake
- Northcrest Park
- Echo Lake
- Sunset
- Meridian Park
- Ridgecrest Park
- Veterans Recognition Site

11. Comments from the Board

Ms. Southwick requested that the development of a pesticide use policy be listed on the agenda planner and include a public education component

Nan Colton of the Echo Lake Neighborhood Association invited the Board to the Echo Lake picnic at Shoreline Park on July 15.

Ms. Southwick indicated that a report is forthcoming about the Owl Boxes at Boeing Creek.

The Board was reminded about the Open Public Meetings Act mandatory meeting on August 11 at City Hall.

“Love Parks Day,” sponsored by the Seattle Parks Foundation and King 5, is sponsoring a team on August 15, 2014. Mr. Hoey indicated a desire to participate and invited others to join him as a way of building camaraderie. Mr. Hoey is also participating in the Million Stair Challenge which he has found to be fun and great exercise. He proposed that Board members take time on a weekend to meet for coffee in each other’s homes and tour their neighborhood parks.

12. Adjournment

Hearing no further business Chair Beth called for a motion to adjourn. So moved by Mr. Hoey and seconded by Ms. Southwick. The June meeting of the PRCS/Tree Board adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

			
Signature of Chair	Date	Signature of Minute Writer	Date
Katie Beth		Lynn Gabrieli	