



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

**October 23, 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 7:01 p.m.

Park Board Members Present: Katie Beth, Vadim Dolgov, Lauren Smith, Al Wagar, Betsy Robertson, John Hoey, Christine Southwick

Excused Absence: Jesse Sycuro, Garry Lingerfelt

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. So moved by Ms. Southwick and seconded by Mr. Wagar. The motion carried.

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

4. Public Comment: Jane Kiker of Eglick, Kiker, Whited, PLLC, representing the Innis Arden Club, submitted comments from the Innis Arden Club on the Right-of-Way Street Tree List that would add view protection to the list of considerations when determining site-appropriate trees. She reminded the Board that Innis Arden provides the City with a generous portion of its tree canopy through protected reserves on private property. The Club is looking forward to working with the City toward a solution that avoids the reopening of previously resolved tree-related issues.

5. Staff Reports

Public Art:

- The City will be posting the Public Art Coordinator job description soon.
- The Public Art Subcommittee instituted a People's Choice Award following this year's Sculpture Stroll to recommend the next purchase for the City's permanent public art collection. The overwhelming vote recipient was S.Cargo. Due to concerns about the sculpture's durability, the artist has been notified that the City will monitor the piece throughout the winter and complete the purchase in the spring if it withstands the elements.
- Arts October is winding down. An offshoot of Arts Crush, Arts October brings local artists into public spaces to invite the public to participate in crafting art of their own. This year has expanded to include both Spartan Recreation Center and City Hall.
- A new exhibit begins at the Gallery at City Hall next Thursday. An open house to meet the artists will take place between 5:30-7:00 p.m.

Kirk Peterson, Parks Maintenance:

- Cell tower and light repairs are in progress at Shoreline A & B fields.
- The staff has been removing the banners along Aurora for the winter to clean and inventory them.
- The Hillwood Park Volunteer project has begun to clear and plant native vegetation along the creek.
- Every year the staff sets up for soccer season on the City's grass fields.
- The large, iconic Madrone at the end of the bluff trail at Richmond Beach Saltwater Park has died and will be removed.
- Crews have been working on White Pines infested with blister rust. Wherever possible the trees will be snagged for habitat.
- October and March are the months for aeration, fertilizing and overseeding of athletic field turf.
- EarthCorps finished stair repair at Boeing Creek Park and are currently working at Kruckeberg Botanic Garden.

Mary Reidy, Recreation

- Everyone is invited to the annual "Free Fall" break dance battle at the Richmond Highlands Recreation Center on October 24. Between 200 - 400 kids participate in this popular event.
- Partnerships between the City and Shoreline Schools offer after school and lunchtime programming.
- 123 students attended the September Tween Night, and October's reached capacity with 136. Tween Nights give 5th and 6th graders a sense of independence in a safe, controlled setting.
- A second Counselor in Training program is being developed to accommodate high demand.
- The pool is busy with high school swim teams, swim lessons, and public swims. The refurbishing of the pool bulkhead is still under negotiation with the Shoreline School District.
- 37,000 people played on the Shoreline athletic fields between September and December last year. Turf fields average over 7 hours of field reservations per week. 430 picnic shelter rentals represent a significant increase over last year.
- This is a busy season for special events with Hamlin Haunt, Monster Mash Dash, Indoor Playground, Holiday Crafts Market, and Christmas Ship.

Maureen Colaizzi, Park Development

- Echo Lake Park remains closed until the grass is firmly established. An unanticipated pond that formed during construction is the result of organic matter inhibiting drainage. Additional dry wells will be installed and staff will monitor the site. The final punch list will be reviewed next week.
- The bid opening for Richmond Beach Saltwater Park bridge repair came in \$55,000 over the Engineer's Estimate. Staff is in discussion about how to fund the difference. The Richmond Beach Off Leash Area will open on November 1 and close in January for the duration of construction.
- UW students who are working at RBSW Park will present their 2015 work plan to the Board in January. A King Conservation grant will fund restoration work at Boeing Creek and RBSW Parks.

6. Community Garden Report

Sunset Community Garden

Jeanne Powell, Sunset Garden Committee member, was accompanied by fellow gardeners Mardie Ashby and Mary Shehane. Ms. Powell spoke to the value of the plots donated by the City to Hopelink Shoreline food bank. This year alone, 153 volunteer hours generated 418 pounds of organic produce to Hopelink. Gardeners testified to the value of a garden to create community in public spaces and thanked the City.

Twin Ponds Community Garden

Randy Eakin, Giving Garden Coordinator, reported on the donation of over 3000 pounds from the Giving Garden at Twin Ponds Community Garden to Hopelink Shoreline this year. In 2014 they were able to raise and expand the square footage of the beds and intensify gardening practices to increase production for donation. They have engaged the community through numerous partnerships and educational offerings to area schools and gardener gatherings.

7. Right of Way Tree List & November 4 Public Meeting to Discuss ROW Tree List

Elizabeth Walker, of Terra Firma Consulting reported on the process used by the subcommittee to develop a draft Street Tree List. Beginning with Seattle's list which has been recently updated and approved by all city stakeholders including Seattle City Light, the subcommittee deliberated over which species may be suitable for Shoreline and which would not. Lists of recommended trees and trees with

reservations were developed. Ms. Walker synthesized the subcommittee's comments into the "ROW Trees Approved with Reservations" list for the full Board's review. Pros and cons of each species were considered, taking into account diversity, potential issues such as invasiveness, thorns, planting strip requirements, debris, and root/sidewalk issues.

The list would be used when new plantings in the right-of-way are necessary or desired, with the goal of increasing diversity and encouraging a healthier urban canopy. Large native trees are best suited for parks and open spaces where the natural environment encourages their survival. Because of narrow planting strips and a harsh urban environment, Ms. Walker's counsel is to remove those large trees from the ROW tree list.

Board members made the following recommendations:

- Modify "Native Species I Would Not Allow in ROW" (see agenda packet under "Native Trees in the Right-of-Way) to allow existing trees to remain in place until/unless deemed hazardous.
- Add language to protect views in view corridors.

Mr. Deal requested an October 28 meeting of the subcommittee to discuss the tree list at a deeper level.

8. Northcrest Park

Ms. Colaizzi reported on two public meetings to improve the outdated play area. The public desire is to preserve the natural setting while also creating a safe and attractive space for families. The next step is to invite the public to review play equipment pieces and secure options from vendors. Officer Perry from the Shoreline Police Department attended the public meetings to address neighborhood concerns about safety in the parks. Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust will work with the neighborhood at a work party. EarthCorps will assist with pathway improvements. A proposal will come to the Board for approval in December.

9. PROS Plan Review

Ms. Reidy reviewed the Recreation components of the PROS Plan. The Recreation Division strives to serve the whole community at an affordable cost to provide public access to a variety of recreation programs and opportunities. The City has developed partnerships with other organizations to offer residents the highest quality programs for the lowest cost.

Chair Beth called for a motion to extend the meeting to 9:10 p.m. So moved by Mr. Wagar and seconded by Ms. Robertson.

10. Comments from the Board

- The Board recommended that Mr. Sycuro's email regarding the Public Art Fund be added to December's agenda for discussion.
- The Tree Subcommittee will meet on Tuesday, October 28 at 5:30 p.m.

11. Adjournment

Hearing no further business, Chair Beth called for the motion to adjourn. So moved by Ms. Southwick and seconded by Ms. Robertson. The October 2014 meeting of the PRCS/Tree Board adjourned at 9:15 p.m.



Signature of Chair
Katie Beth

12/4/14
Date



Signature of Minute Writer
Lynn Gabrieli

12-5-14
Date