



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

**March 26, 2015
7:00 p.m.**

**Shoreline City Hall
Room 303**

1. Call to Order/Attendance

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

Park Board Members Present: Katie Beth, Vadim Dolgov, Al Wagar, John Hoey, Jesse Sycuro, Betsy Robertson

Excused Absence: Garry Lingerfelt, Lauren Smith, Christine Southwick

City Staff Present: Eric Friedli, Director; Maureen Colaizzi, Parks Projects Coordinator; Kirk Peterson, Parks Maintenance Superintendent; Mary Anne Kelly, Spartan Recreation Center Manager; David Francis, Public Art Coordinator; Gail Robertson, Administrative Assistant II

2. Approval of Agenda: Vice-Chair Sycuro called for a motion to approve the agenda as written. So moved by Ms. Robertson and seconded by Mr. Hoey. The motion carried.

3. Approval of Minutes: Vice-Chair Sycuro called for a motion to approve the February, 2015 Board minutes. So moved by Mr. Wagar and seconded by Mr. Hoey. The motion carried.

4. Public Comment: None

5. Staff Reports

Kirk Peterson, Parks Maintenance

- Wood Duck boxes have been installed at Twin Ponds by Katie Schielke and her daughter. These boxes are part of a statewide tracking program.
- The maintenance staff have been involved in spring cleaning following a mild winter.
- Nearly all citizen open tree requests have been completed by staff and others have been referred to utility contractors for follow-up.
- A homeless encampment was removed from Ronald Bog Park this month.

Mary Anne Kelly, Spartan Recreation Center Manager

- Registration for spring/summer programming began on Monday, March 23. Registrations are up significantly over last year.
- City staff is in the final stages of determining a vendor for new registration software.
- New camps are being offered this summer in addition to traditional Camp Shoreline offerings.
- The pool is up and running following the annual maintenance closure.
- Open positions for camp staff will be posted on the City's website.

Maureen Colaizzi, Park Development

- The Richmond Beach Saltwater Park Pedestrian Bridge project is fully underway. So far the project is on track to be finished by the end of April.
- The Northcrest Park playground equipment replacement project has been completed. EarthCorps is at work removing overgrown vegetation and invasives. The public is invited

to join Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust at a work party on Saturday, April 4 to remove blackberries and recognize Arbor Day.

- Echo Lake Park Improvements were dedicated on Saturday, March 23rd.

David Francis, Public Art

- Active calls for art include: Interurban Artscape (formerly known as Sculpture Stroll), Curatorial Proposals for City Hall Gallery, and Piano Time Sonic Sculpture. All calls and deadlines are posted on the website at shorelinewa.gov/art.
- Several grant proposals have been submitted to fund arts programming.
- Some minor damage/theft has been reported to art pieces such as the piece at Echo Lake Park and one missing mile marker on the Interurban Trail.
- The City contracted for the cleaning of significant bronze sculptures which is anticipated to occur in May.
- About 100 Shorewood High School students toured the City Hall Gallery in March to test student learning on the principles of art.

Director's Report

The City Council subcommittee interviewed seven candidates for three open Parks Board positions. Cindy Dittbrenner, Bill Franklin, and Katie Schielke will be recommended for appointment to the Board on Monday, April 6. Their first Board meeting will be April 23.

6. Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust (MTS)

Tor Bell, Stewardship Director with MTS, provided an overview of the work and mission of MTS Greenway Trust and explained their relationship to the City of Shoreline. Shoreline is part of their Cascade Mountains to Puget Sound greenway target zone. MTS has been actively engaged with organizations and neighborhood groups throughout the City to maintain and enhance green spaces in the midst of population growth and development pressures. In Shoreline they have been involved with invasive species removals and tree planting and they are interested in expanding into educational opportunities and perhaps some projects along the shoreline.

7. Kruckeberg Botanic Garden Annual Report

Brianne Zorn, Executive Director, presented the 2014 year-in-review for the Garden. The Garden's governing foundation partners with the City to provide communitywide programming, including educational camps, tours, and events. Garden staff is continuing to make improvements to the Garden so that it can become even more of an asset to the City in the years to come.

8. Public Art Budget Discussion

Following introductory comments from Public Art Coordinator David Francis that affirmed the sculpture's durability over time, Chair Beth called for the motion to approve the purchase of S.Cargo for addition to the City's permanent public art collection. So moved by Mr. Sycuro and seconded by Ms. Robertson. The motion carried.

Mr. Francis led the Board in a discussion of Shoreline's Public Art program. Given the reality that the public art fund is steadily declining, the Board explored options for how to 1) raise awareness on the City Council through revisions to the Public Art Plan in 2016, 2) engage the public through talking tours, education, and increased exposure, and 3) share the message about what will be lost if funding ceases. The conversation also included broadening the scope to include "the arts" in Shoreline rather than only "public art." Mr. Francis clarified the partnership with the Shoreline Lake Forest Park Arts Council who provides a variety of opportunities for Shoreline residents to participate in many expressions of the arts. The Shoreline Lake Forest Park Arts Council will be invited to a future meeting to clarify the relationship of the Board to the Arts Council. Additional steps were explored to educate the Board, the public and the City Council on existing art opportunities and future possibilities.

9. Comments from the Board

Ms. Robertson stated that she had difficulty finding the Kruckeberg Garden advertisement in the Summer Recreation Guide and she expressed her disappointment that Mr.Lingerfelt was not reappointed to the Board. She also requested the opportunity to recognize outgoing members and welcome new members prior to the next meeting.

Mr. Hoey requested a one month extension to the deadline for the Visit Every Park Challenge and that observations be discussed at the April Parks Board meeting. The Board agreed.

Mr. Sycuro issued a follow up challenge to Board members to attend a neighborhood association meeting to increase community connections.

Ms. Robertson reminded the Board members to wear their nametags next month for the benefit of the new members.

10. Adjournment

Hearing no further business, Chair Beth called for a motion to adjourn. So moved by Ms. Robertson and seconded by Mr. Wagar. The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Signature of Vice-Chair
Jesse Sycuro

Date

Signature of Minute Writer
Gail Robertson

Date