



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

**September 22, 2016
7:00 p.m.**

**Shoreline City Hall
Room 303**

1. Call to Order/Attendance

The meeting was called to order by Chair Robertson at 7:00 p.m.

Park Board Members Present: Betsy Robertson, William Franklin, Cindy Dittbrenner, John Hoey, Christine Southwick

Late Arrival (8:28): Katie Schielke

Absent: Christina Arcidy, Gillian Lauter (youth), Natalia Sandico (youth)

City Staff Present: Eric Friedli, Director; Maureen Colaizzi, Parks Projects Coordinator; Kirk Peterson, Parks Maintenance Superintendent; Lynn Gabrieli, Administrative Assistant III

2. Approval of Agenda: Chair Robertson moved to approve the agenda as written. So moved by Ms. Dittbrenner; seconded by Ms. Southwick. The motion carried.

3. Approval of Minutes: Chair Robertson called for a motion to approve the August 2016 Joint Library and Park Board Meeting minutes. So moved by Ms. Southwick and seconded by Mr. Franklin. The motion carried.

4. Approval of Minutes: Chair Robertson called for a motion to approve the August 2016 Regular Park Board Meeting minutes. So moved by Ms. Dittbrenner and seconded by Ms. Southwick. The motion carried.

5. Public Comment: None

6. Director's Report:

- A new Hangtime program at Einstein Middle School has begun. Hangtime is an after school program that has been operating at Kellogg Middle School for nearly 15 years. It is a partnership between the City, school district and YMCA.
- The Community Satisfaction Survey results have been released and are available online at www.shorelinewa.gov. Mr. Friedli shared those results directly related to Parks. Overall, citizens are very satisfied with Parks and Recreation. The downside is that parks-related issues are low on the priority list for funding and attention because citizens are content with the way things are. The Board inquired about the frequency and validity of the survey measure.
- The King Conservation District Urban Forest Health Assessment is complete for Brugger's Bog, Ballinger Open Space and Innis Arden Reserve, and the Twin Ponds Vegetation Management Plan will be complete this week.
- One bid was received for review and design of the Twin Ponds turf and lighting replacement project. Crumb rubber will be studied for its safety and efficacy and the topic will come back to the Board for discussion.
- Two light poles at Shoreline A & B have been replaced.

- Public Art Coordinator David Francis will host a van tour of local eco-arts projects at Shoreview and Boeing Creek Parks on Saturday, September 24.
- The next Public Art Forum is Thursday, September 29 at City Hall.
- An Art Exhibit and Panel Discussion will take place at City Hall on October 6 and the next Art opening is October 13.

7. PROS Plan: Discussion of September 20th Public Meeting

Mr. Friedli distributed handouts of staff summary notes outlining key themes from the September 20 Public Meeting (Attachment A) and reviewed each component. Community comments were also summarized and distributed from the September 20 Public Workshop (available online at www.shorelinewa.gov/prosplan). Board members who attended the workshop reflected on their experience, what they heard, and whether the summarized comments accurately reflected their experience.

The Board offered these reflections:

- Hillwood Park would benefit from an investment of resources,
- Improved signage and more accurate street addresses consistent with Google Maps and other search engines is needed throughout the park system,
- There is a need for more covered picnic areas and improved restroom facilities throughout the City of Shoreline,
- Exercise creativity when looking at existing parcels that could accommodate multiple uses,
- Shoreview Park is one of Shoreline's most prized parks, but lacks amenities that draw people to it, safe modes of access to get to it, and it is currently underutilized. All of these things make Shoreview an attractive opportunity site,
- Consider activating James Keough Park as a neighborhood park with adjacent parking and restroom and/or other amenities. Consider planting water-loving vegetation/trees to absorb sound from the freeway and mitigate ground water issues.

The next step is to consolidate public feedback into prioritized proposals. A list will be developed and a ranking criteria will be applied. This prioritized list will be presented to the community at the next public meeting on November 1.

8. PROS Plan: Aquatics/Community Center Program Outline

Small, medium and large size facilities were considered by the Aquatics/Community Center Subcommittee who reached consensus that an 80,000 square foot facility (medium) could provide adequate amenities to meet the community's needs. The agenda packet outlines the amenities an 80,000 square foot facility could contain.

Mr. Friedli reviewed the components of the plan as contained in the agenda packet. The public workshop on this topic is November 15th where siting areas will be discussed, as will program ideas and preliminary designs. The Board acknowledged the challenge of theoretical conversations and the difficulty in being able to imagine possibilities, sizes, impact, and feasibility. Mr. Friedli explained that the feasibility study and operations and maintenance costs will help the community understand the balance between spaces that can be financially offset and those that can't, and clarify what is possible for the Shoreline community.

Ms. Robertson spoke to the absence of a "cultural center" in the preliminary building proposal, and also to the importance of articulating the building's function for purposes of marketing and branding.

The Board asked about the longevity of the building size under consideration when Shoreline is at full buildout. Will it continue to be adequate? Should we consider phases? Do we continue to operate in satellite locations rather than expecting a single building to fulfill all needs?

9. Comments from the Board

Mr. Franklin inquired about the status of a future park impact fee. Mr. Friedli responded that a consultant has been selected and will begin working with staff in November, and with the Board and Council early next year.

Mr. Franklin inquired about whether it is possible to offer incentives to developers in exchange for pocket parks or public open spaces. Staff will inquire of the Planning department about Shoreline’s plan and process in the light rail areas.

Ms. Schielke requested conversation going forward about tree canopy, tree loss, and tree replacement during the subarea planning process.

Chair Robertson reported on the last Public Art Subcommittee meeting. She shared the committee’s frustration and confusion about the interpretation of the 1% for the Arts Ordinance. The subcommittee’s position is that the 1% Municipal Fund should not be spent on anything other than permanent art, but monies are currently being spent on temporary art, staff salaries, and other art program expenditures. The committee is interested in creating a more formal process involving the election of a Chair, and she inquired about the process for making that happen.

Chair Robertson reflected that the makeup of the PRCS/Tree Board is heavily weighted on environment and planning expertise but only loosely weighted with expertise and emphasis on the the arts. Board members asked clarifying questions to understand the role and perspective of the subcommittee, and the subcommittee’s relationship to the Park Board. Mr. Friedli encouraged further input and discussion about the role of the Public Art Subcommittee and the 1% for the Arts Ordinance in conjunction with the update to the Public Art Plan which will come to the Board in the next few months for discussion and approval.

10. Adjourn

Hearing no further business, Chair Robertson moved that the meeting be adjourned. So moved by Mr. Hoey and seconded by Ms. Southwick. The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Signature of Chair
Betsy Robertson

Date

Signature of Minute Writer
Lynn Gabrieli

Date



**Shoreline's Plan for Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services
Neighborhood Parks, Light Rail Station Subarea Parks & Open Space Planning**

Workshop 1

Tuesday, September 20, 2016

7:00-9:00 p.m.

PRCS/Tree Board Debrief Discussion

PROS Planning Theme

Secure our Foundation

- Take care of what we already have and make current facilities work for us

Shape our Future

- Provide for growth through development and acquisition.

Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats (SWOT) Analysis

PRCS Staff reviewed the hundreds of pages of notes taken from the public engagement sessions, the community opinion survey and the on-line questionnaire and summarized them into a

1. SWOT Analysis
2. Identification of actions that could be taken to secure our foundation and shape our future.

Below is a SWOT analysis for the parks system as a whole:

STRENGTHS:

- High level of community support
- Recent investments from 2006 park bonds
- Nice mix of active recreation facilities and passive open space
- Interesting nature trail system

WEAKNESSES:

- Unhealthy urban forests
- Perceived lack of safety
- Lack of innovative recreation features such as spray parks, high ropes course
- Transient population

OPPORTUNITIES:

- Respond to reduction in demand for certain facilities by replacing with facilities growing in demand
- Build a volunteer support system for environmental restoration
- Expand the tree canopy

THREATS:

- Key park properties are owned by others (school district, State, Seattle City Light)
- Invasive species
- Encroachments from adjacent private property



Key Themes

In addition to completing a SWOT analysis for each park, PRCS Staff reviewed the hundreds of pages of notes taken from the public engagement sessions, the community opinion survey, on-line questionnaire and the September 20th community workshop to extract ideas for each park and identified ideas for recreation opportunities that were not tied to a specific park. Several key themes emerged from that analysis:

1. Upgrade and enhance existing parks and facilities
 2. Expand walking and trail-related activities
 3. Strengthen access to nature
 4. Add and improve access to aquatics facilities and programs
 5. Expand indoor exercise and fitness opportunities
 6. Increase options for adults and seniors
 7. Support arts and cultural opportunities
 8. Create multigenerational and multi-cultural opportunities
 9. Improve access to community gardens and healthy eating
 10. Add variety across the system
 11. Manage impacts from future growth
 12. Continue community partnerships in providing parks, open space and recreation programming
 13. Increase connectivity parks, recreation and open space facilities
 14. Improve availability of information
 15. Improve safety
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16. Consider Dark Skies Imitative as it relates to lighting within parks
 17. Consider creating more greenways and wildlife corridors
 18. Consider more east-west pedestrian/bicycle connections throughout the city to access parks and open spaces
 19. Consider acquisition opportunities along Aurora Avenue (especially on the west side) to provide park and open space opportunities for future multi-family residential density in this area.
 20. Consider better signage: vehicular Wayfinding, trail Wayfinding, entry signage
 21. Consider expanding leash law enforcement program at all parks
 22. Consider using demographic and socio economic data when setting priorities for funding capital and recreation programming improvements
 23. Consider projects that can partner with City departments and other public and private agencies
 24. Improve accessibility in parks and recreation facilities
 25. Improve funding to maintain Street/Right of Way trees



Light Rail Station Subarea Parks and Open Space Plan

A preliminary parks and open spaces opportunity map was generated for public review and discussion at the September 20th community workshop. The preliminary map shows key concepts that will form the core of the parks and open space plan for the subareas. These include:

1. Improve connectivity to recreation opportunities along the 195th Street corridor;
2. Expand and improve connections to pockets of existing open space along the I-5 corridor; add park and open space property;
3. Improve connectivity to recreation and open space on the east side of Interstate 5 (I-5); Add Park and open space property;
4. Increase connectivity and water quality near Ronald Bog Park;
5. Buffer I-5 noise, air and water pollution through berms, conifers and bioretention facilities; activate James Keogh Park; add special use park and recreation facilities between subareas.
6. Look for opportunities for increased play and active recreation between Twin Ponds Park and Meridian Park;
7. Protect headwater wetlands, buffer residents from I-5 air, noise and water pollution through berms, conifers and bio retention facilities at Ridgecrest Park. Improve active recreation opportunities;
8. Improve water quality upstream of Twin Ponds Park;
9. Create art and place-making opportunities, pedestrian/ bike connections and neighborhood open space; expand park and open space property;
10. Enhance natural area and pedestrian/bike connectivity through Paramount School Park and Paramount Open Space; as well as expand park and open space property; And, Increase activation, way-finding and natural resource interpretation through Hamlin, South Woods and, potentially, the Fircrest Campus. Align with the Fircrest Master Plan.

9/22/2016 PRCS Board Minutes
ATTACHMENT A