

April 26, 2018



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

### **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, Christina Arcidy, Cindy Dittbrenner, Bill Franklin

**Absent:** Katie Schielke, John Hoey, Erik Ertsgaard, Christine Southwick

**City Staff Present:** Director Eric Friedli, Administrative Assistant III Lynn Gabrieli

### **2. Approval of Agenda: Chair Robertson called for approval of the agenda. So moved by Mr. Franklin and seconded by Ms. Arcidy. The motion carried.**

### **3. Approval of Minutes: Chair Robertson called for approval of the March minutes. So moved by Ms. Arcidy and seconded by Ms. Dittbrenner. The motion carried.**

### **4. Public Comment: None**

### **5. Director's Report**

- The Aging Adult Services Study is underway. Board members Arcidy and Southwick joined the kickoff meeting on April 9. Ms. Arcidy gave a recap of the meeting
- The Park Funding Advisory Committee recruitment process gets underway next week. Applications will be online May 1 through July 13. This committee will be selected by the City Manager and begin meeting every three weeks starting in September through March.
- The Public Art Selection Committee met with the first artist last night. Ms. Robertson was present and briefly summarized the 90 minute meeting. Two more artists will be interviewed next week.
- The RFQ for the Community and Aquatics Center closes May 1. Mr. Friedli invited members of the Board to participate in the selection process. Whomever is chosen will perform site-specific design work and provide cost estimates. Mr. Franklin offered to consider being part of the process.
- The annual tour is scheduled for July 26 with tentative plans to tour environmental restoration sites and meet with park stewards at Twin Ponds, Hamlin and Brugger's Bog.
- The August 23 meeting is tentatively scheduled to meet at Kruckeberg Botanic Garden.
- The PRCS/Tree Board is scheduled to participate in the dinner meeting with City Council on June 25.
- The pursuit of accreditation is moving smoothly and on track with 82 out of 151 standards complete. The goal is to finish by the end of 2018 and send the package for external feedback early in 2019.
- Erik Ertsgaard will be recommended for reappointment to the Board for another year. Applications will be accepted through May 18 to fill the vacancy left by Natalia Sandico.

- Board officers will be elected at the next meeting.

**6. Ronald Bog Park Wetland Easement**

Mr. Friedli brought the proposed conservation easement before the Board as it is described in the Agenda Packet memo. The easement sets aside wetland buffers within the park to be maintained in perpetuity as wetland mitigation for light rail construction. The Board asked questions about public access and the impact on trees outside of the mitigation area as Light Rail begins to excavate. The public art piece, "The Kiss" will be moved this summer. The Board expressed approval of the design and requested environmental education signage. **Mr. Friedli reflected that the message he will deliver to the Planning Department from the Board is that the Board doesn't have any hesitations or modifications and is supportive of the design as presented.**

**7. Concept Design Study**

Mr. Friedli led the Board through the most recent concept designs for each of the 8 parks under consideration. After receiving the Board's feedback on these latest designs, the consultants will develop final designs and cost estimates to be reviewed by the public on May 31 at the open house.

**Brugger's Bog**

1. Change "stream typical" to "environmental restoration"
2. Remove "paved" and refer just to a loop path. Preference for pervious or natural surface materials

**Hamlin Park (Briarcrest)**

1. Add a tool shed near the community garden
2. Represent the community garden more realistically with pathways between plots and symmetrical design

**Hamlin Park (North)**

1. Play Nest and Widow Bower - incorporate into restoration area. Acknowledge the restoration work
2. Glad to know the zip line is being removed
3. 168th where it intersects with stairs seems like a dangerous access point due to vehicle speed.
4. Love the tree house
5. Fine with the loop being paved, but would recommend staying away from paving paths deep into the forest. Accessibility issues could be a great conversation with the Sidewalk Advisory Committee to see if there are ways to partner.
6. Consider placing an adventure play area in a part of the park with less than healthy understory rather than disrupting existing vegetation.

**Hillwood**

Like the spray park. Create a shady embankment where people can sit and watch children play in it

**James Keough**

1. Excited about a significant piece of public art here, and in all the parks
2. OLA with play features and trees
3. Show play equipment in a similar way as it is shown in the other park designs
4. More opportunities for kids to play like at Hamlin because this area of Shoreline is lacking in places for kids
5. Additional parking
6. More trees
7. Play features in the meadow

**Richmond Highlands**

1. Excited about the inclusive playground
2. Like the rain garden over the vault
3. Like the community garden plots

**Ridgecrest Park**

1. Good place for an OLA
2. Some concern for general park safety so near the light rail

**Shoreview**

1. Like the bouldering rocks
2. Don't forget about more skate park opportunities

**Westminster**

Label play equipment as an artistic feature

8. **6/25 Dinner Meeting with City Council**

Mr. Friedli encouraged the Board to begin thinking about a theme or a topic that they would like to message to the Council.

9. **Comments from the Board**

The Council has asked that the term limits for the PRCS Board be made to be consistent with Planning Commission so the Board's term limits will be changed from three four-year terms to two four-year terms.

Next month the Board will be asked to review the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). He invited any Board members who may be interested in forming a sub-committee to review the CIP prior to the meeting.

Mr. Franklin requested follow up from Denise Bugallo on library use trends in Shoreline.

Mr. Franklin asked whether the user survey on the Twin Ponds turf infill is complete and asked what the results are. Mr. Friedli reported that the little feedback we received was ambivalent. Shoreline A & B plans call for the installation of cork.

Mr. Franklin recommended the film, "The Social Life of Small Urban Spaces" and wondered whether this could be part of an agenda. Perhaps the Board convenes an hour early for some light dinner food to watch and discuss the film. Staff will consider options for viewing the film this summer.

Ms. Robertson invited other Board members to consider taking a turn as Chair if they feel so inclined.

10. **Adjourn**

**Hearing no further business, Chair Robertson called for a motion to adjourn. So moved by Ms. Dittbrenner and seconded by Ms. Arcidy. The meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.**

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Signature of Chair  
Betsy Robertson

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Signature of Minute Writer  
Lynn Gabrieli

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