

October 25, 2018



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

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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, John Hoey, Katie Schielke, Bill Franklin, Cindy Dittbrenner, Christine Southwick, Erik Ertsgaard, Ivan Brown

Absent: Elizabeth White

City Staff Present: Director Eric Friedli, Public Art Coordinator David Francis, Administrative Assistant III Lynn Gabrieli

2. **Approval of Agenda:** Chair Robertson called for approval of the agenda. There was clarification about the placement of the Public Art Project Funding agenda item which has been scheduled early in the meeting to allow the participation of the Public Art Coordinator. **Approval of the agenda was moved by Ms. Southwick and seconded by Mr. Hoey. The motion carried unanimously.**

3. **Approval of Minutes:** Chair Robertson called for approval of the September minutes. **So moved by Ms. Schielke and seconded by Ms. Southwick. The motion carried.**

4. **Public Comment: None**

5. **Public Art Project Funding**

Mr. Friedli referred the Board to the Agenda Packet memo. He thanked the Art Selection Panel members who selected the artist for the major installation at the Park at Town Center and explained that during the budget process it became evident that the public art fund was at risk due to lower than expected revenue into the 1% for the Arts fund from capital projects. In November/December projected revenue will be easier to forecast and the major commission may be allowed to resume.

Chair Robertson expressed frustration about the unexpected nature of this delay and concern that the work the panel contributed may be in vain. She asked for clarification regarding the process that led to this point. Mr. Friedli described a couple of capital projects that were anticipated to generate revenue but did not come to fruition. If the money that has been set aside for a major commission is spent, the public art fund will expire in a few short years.

The Public Art Plan calls for a 2019 work plan item to study a sustainable funding strategy for the Public Art fund to make the fund less reliant on the 1% program. \$5,000 is currently proposed for the 2019 budget to pay a consultant to analyze options.

Mr. Francis confirmed that he has been in communication with the artists and they are willing to wait. At this point, the target for installation is the end of 2019 or early 2020. The artists have been paid the stipend for project development.

Ms. Southwick moved to amend the agenda to discuss the Maple Knoll's potential acquisition next. Seconded by Mr. Franklin. The motion carried.

6. Maple Knoll Potential Acquisition

The Maple Knolls homeowners association is considering a donation of property adjacent to Kruckeberg Botanic Garden to the City. The property is one acre, heavily vegetated, on a steep slope in Maple Knolls, with a couple of trees that may need to be removed. The City Council is interested in accepting the property as a natural area that would be included in the urban forest management system. The Kruckeberg Botanic Garden Foundation is amenable to having the property as an adjacency, but it would not immediately be incorporated into the botanic garden experience.

Next steps include a title search and investigation of potential restrictions. Development of a loop trail into the donated property would allow for a seamless transition from the garden.

John Fjarlie from Maple Knolls described the Board's desire to donate the land as an alternative to maintaining it. He clarified the property boundary under consideration. The homeowner's association agreement requires a 75% majority vote in favor to approve the transfer of property.

Mr. Hoey moved to accept the staff recommendation to approve of the acceptance of the donation. Seconded by Ms. Dittbrenner. Chair Robertson inquired about any potential maintenance issues given the need for hazardous tree and invasive removals in a difficult-to-access area. Staff does not believe that adding this amount of additional maintenance is a deterrent. Chair Robertson called for the vote. **The recommendation passed unanimously.**

7. Director's Report

- Mr. Friedli thanked Ms. Reidy for serving as director while he was at the NRPA Conference.
- The Park Funding Advisory Committee met last evening and were briefed on the status of the Community & Aquatics Center.
- Monster Mash Dash and Hamlin Haunt were both successful events this month.
- The PRCS Department received a complaint that the trail work at Hamlin Park interferes with mountain biking. The Board may also be contacted regarding this issue.
- Ms. Reidy, City Manager Debbie Tarry, and Mr. Friedli met with the YMCA Board to discuss the potential community/aquatics center. There seems to be agreement that the community demand can support both the Y and a new facility.
- The Council previewed the 2019 proposed budget on Monday evening. This is the first year of a biennial budget process.

8. Community/Aquatics Center Update

Mr. Friedli shared the most recent concept designs with the Board. They inquired about green roof and solar panel options and expressed enthusiasm about integrating the design with the Park at Town Center to create a civic center. A public open house is scheduled for November 28.

9. Concept Design Phasing

The concept designs were presented to the Park Funding Advisory Committee last night as "investment opportunities" - potential improvements that are packaged together, that lack money or resources to implement, and that include an estimate for what it would cost to build, maintain, and operate. The Board reviewed the investment opportunities for each of the 9 park concept designs previously developed and viewable at www.shorelinewa.gov/parksdesign.

Current concept designs are being used to develop cost estimates for construction, operations, and maintenance. If/when funding becomes available to move to construction, the overall design

will be revisited through a public process within set budget constraints.

Investment opportunities related to parks and open spaces are identified in the PROS Plan as Strategic Action Initiatives:

- **Strategic Action Initiative(SAI) 3:** “Expand recreation facility opportunities” to keep pace with population growth. Amenities identified in the PROS Plan appear in the Park Concept Designs. The eight parks under consideration need significant improvements and likely did not receive any benefit from the 2006 bond measure.
- **SAI 7:** Ensure Adequate Park Land for Future Generations. A priority list for property acquisitions is part of the PROS Plan.
- **SAI 9:** Enhance Walkability in and around Parks. All the park designs have a perimeter trail.
- **SAI 8:** Maintain, enhance and protect the urban forest. Volunteers are actively involved in restoring degraded parts of Shoreline’s urban forest. This is an ongoing effort throughout the park system.

The 2019/2020 proposed budget contains one million dollars to replace playgrounds in select parks.

10. **Comments from the Board**

- The City is considering the possibility of building a consolidated maintenance facility. Following public protest of a consolidated facility at Hamlin Park, Public Works is considering options to decentralize services using the North Maintenance Facility, the Brightwater site, and the current Hamlin yard. They are narrowing options for review by the City Council.
- Mr. Franklin inquired about the grade of slope referred to in the Maple Knolls acquisition. Mr. Friedli said it is steep, but it is navigable.
- Mr. Ertsgaard expressed excitement about the community/aquatics center and the park concept designs.
- Ms. Robertson followed up on last month's suggestion to involve the public in the process of updating the tree list. She attended Hamlin Haunt and agreed that it was very well attended.
- Mr. Hoey attended the 185th Street corridor open house in Council Chambers earlier this evening. He expressed excitement about the potential for Rotary Park.
- Mr. Hoey reminded the Board that Spooky Night is Friday and Saturday night at Kruckeberg Botanic Garden.

11. **Adjourn**

Hearing no further business, Chair Robertson called moved to adjourn. Seconded by Ms. Southwick. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

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Signature of Chair	Date
Betsy Robertson	

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Signature of Minute Writer	Date
Lynn Gabrieli	

