

December 6, 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 7:01 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

PRCS Staff Present: Director Eric Friedli, Recreation Superintendent Mary Reidy, Parks Superintendent Kirk Peterson, Administrative Assistant III Lynn Gabrieli

- 2. Approval of Agenda: Chair Robertson called for approval of the agenda. So moved by Ms. Schielke and seconded by Ms. Southwick. The motion carried unanimously.**
- 3. Approval of Minutes: Chair Robertson called for approval of the October minutes. So moved by Mr. Hoey and seconded by Ms. Schielke. The motion carried.**

### **4. Public Comment:**

1. Janet Way, Shoreline Preservation Society, expressed concern over the estimated 1,000 trees destined for removal with light rail development. She urged the Board to pressure Sound Transit to preserve trees and replace them as required, in Shoreline.
2. Lance Young, Shoreline, is concerned about the loss of trees on Washington Department of Transportation property and the loss of wildlife habitat in urban areas. He requested that the Board draft a letter to Council requesting they monitor canopy loss and require trees to be replaced in Shoreline rather than elsewhere.

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

1. Community & Aquatics Center
  - a. The Community & Aquatics Center open house last Wednesday was attended by approximately 150 people. Two-thirds were interested in the pool design, and most of the rest were advocating for the inclusion of a designated senior center in the design. Common themes included:
    - i. 8 lane pool
    - ii. Diving well
    - iii. Large aquatics spectator area
    - iv. Designated senior center space
    - v. Commercial kitchen
  - b. School District staff have participated in some prior planning meetings and the School Board has scheduled a working meeting on January 15, 2019 to discuss the community's need for a pool.

- c. Over 50 online comments have been received and more are coming in, mostly echoing the comments heard at the open house regarding the pool and senior center. All comments are posted (in batches) on [www.shorelinewa.gov/cac](http://www.shorelinewa.gov/cac)
  - d. The Park Funding Advisory Committee met last night. Boardmembers Robertson and Franklin attended. An update will be presented later in tonight's meeting.
2. Ballinger Open Space carbon credit restoration began last Saturday with 40 Bank of America volunteers.
  3. Bill Franklin recognized volunteers at the November 2018 Arbor Day event at Darnell Park.
  4. The PRCS accreditation review, which consists of an offsite review of evidence followed by a site visit, will take place the week of May 20, 2019. Staff are finalizing the last few standards and plan to submit the assessment packet by March 1, 2019.
  5. Councilmember Jesse Salomon's election to the State Senate leaves a vacancy on the City Council. The deadline to apply is January 3 at 5:00 p.m.
  6. Upcoming events - Breakfast with Santa, Argosy Christmas Ship Visit, Solstice Stroll at Kruckeberg Botanic Garden, Urban Forest restoration events continue through the winter. All events are listed at [shorelinewa.gov/calendar](http://shorelinewa.gov/calendar).
  7. The City Council amended the City's budget to include \$51,000 to allow the installation of the major commission at the Park at Town Center to move forward. The project was on hold due to a concern that the Public Art fund would be depleted within a couple of years without additional revenue. A Funding Alternatives Study is anticipated to begin in 2019 to develop a more sustainable funding mechanism for the arts.
  8. Mr. Friedli will attend the Maple Knolls Homeowners Association meeting next Tuesday to discuss the proposed donation of property from the Association to the Parks Department.

## 6. **Sound Transit Tree Impacts**

*Juniper Nammi, Sound Transit Project Manager*

Sound Transit has been working with the Washington Department of Transportation to negotiate tree replacements along the light rail development corridor. Most of the track is on the ground. Tree removal 35 feet on either side of the track is required resulting in the removal of over 1,000 trees from Washington Department of Transportation property, City right-of-way, and from individual property. Approximately 2,700 native trees and over 1,000 non-native trees will be replanted to meet or exceed City of Shoreline replacement requirements.

All of the trees will come down at once in March 2019. Replacement trees must be planted in Shoreline. A partnership with King Conservation District would allow funds from Sound Transit to offer a package of trees and shrubs to private land owners for a landscape buffer in areas where the code requirements for landscape buffers do not apply along the rail. This could contribute roughly 400 additional trees in the Ridgecrest neighborhood and portions of North City and Ballinger.

Final designs will be shown at an open house in February. *Currents* and the website will announce the date. The last opportunity for public comment is prior to the final issuance of permits. Early work, expected to begin in March, involves tree removal, noise barriers, staging equipment, moving utility lines, and demolishing remaining houses. Neighborhoods will be notified by direct mailings and articles in *Currents* as well as door-to-door outreach. Actual construction will begin mid-summer.

The Board would appreciate talking points on this topic including the facts related to the project.

Sound Transit is taking measures to survey for bird nests in existing trees and to deter initial nesting habits. The Department of Fish and Wildlife is guiding that effort.

Comments and questions can be directed to Ms. Nammi through [shorelinewa.gov/lightrailpermits](http://shorelinewa.gov/lightrailpermits).

## 7. **Public Art Donation**

Mr. Friedli introduced the sculpture, Honorable Men, which has been offered to the City's public art collection by a retired City employee. The sculpture would be located in City Hall as part of the City's

portable works collection.

**Chair Robertson called for a motion to accept Honorable Men into the City's permanent art collection. So moved by Mr. Franklin; seconded by Ms. Schielke. The motion carried unanimously.**

**8. Street Tree List Update**

Kirk Peterson reminded the Board of the October 2018 Board discussion regarding changes to the Street Tree List to include native trees in unimproved rights-of-way. Mr. Peterson referred to the packet diagram illustrating recommended additions.

**Chair Robertson called for the motion to approve the proposed changes to the Street Tree List. So moved by Ms. Southwick; seconded by Ms. Dittbrenner. The motion carried.**

**9. Aging Adults Services Strategy**

*Rob Beem, Community Services Director*  
*Mary Reidy, Recreation Superintendent*

Three years ago the City's Service Agreement with the Shoreline Lake Forest Park Senior Center was moved under the oversight of the PRCS Department. The Community Services division works with the Senior Center to support the human services aspect while the PRCS Department supports adult recreation programming.

The Council directed the development of a strategy to identify a plan for the care of Shoreline's aging community. Council's direction is reflected in PROS Plan Strategic Action Initiative #4 which states: Serve the full spectrum of Aging Adult recreation needs.

BERK Consulting was hired to facilitate the development of the Strategy. The definition of Aging Adults is broad and the needs are varied. Support includes human services, recreation, facilities, housing, transportation, medical care, care givers and often includes programming, a senior-focused facility, special transportation, meals, and supportive health services.

The Strategy development process included a process of assessment, identifying gaps, determining focus areas, and setting goals. The Strategy will be presented to the Council on February 28, 2019.

Shoreline's demographic has the highest percentage of population over 65 in King County. This is expected to grow by roughly 20% in 2025. Major service providers are the City and Sound Generations (current Senior Center), County/AAA, local service providers like the Dale Turner YMCA, adult homes, families, health care entities, and others. Shoreline's aging adults range from very active to very frail with a wide variety of interests and needs.

Six focus areas were identified to support the goals of older adults:

- Community connections
- Lifelong learning
- Wellness
- Nutrition
- Coordination and Service Alignment
- Equity (see page 6 of the draft Strategy for details).

Mental health is not called out as a separate area of focus but may be included under the category of "Wellness."

Mr. Beem discussed the criteria used to determine priority areas of service as described in the Strategy. There was a clarification of terms used in the Strategy's use of aging adults, active adults, an older adults. Varying terms represent the changing demographics and community perspectives. Whereas the word "Senior" used to be standard, it is no longer so.

The PRCS Department has identified implementation strategies for recreation programming, but it will take a cooperative effort to implement the full strategy in a cohesive, meaningful way. This isn't a City of Shoreline strategy as much as it is a Shoreline community strategy that will involve stakeholders on a variety of levels.

**Staff requests the Board's endorsement of the strategy so it can be moved on to the City Council for review. So moved by Mr. Hoey; seconded by Ms. Schielke. The motion carried unanimously.**

10. **Park Funding Advisory Committee Update**

Since the last PRCS Board meeting the PFAC reviewed the Community & Aquatic Center design and learned about PROS Plan funding needs, options, and scenarios. The PFAC will need to establish criteria to narrow the large list of needs down to a reasonable size and cost.

Mr. Franklin reflected on the discontent at the November 28 Open House. Neither the senior community nor the aquatics community are satisfied with the design as it is. In trying to provide something for everyone, nobody who attended the open house was satisfied.

Ms. Robertson expressed the conviction that the design represents months of public outreach. She questioned the scope of the City's obligation to provide for the needs of special interest groups.

Mr. Hoey expressed frustration at the public perception that the City provided inadequate public outreach during the design phase which differs from his experience having been engaged in public outreach efforts over the past 18 months. There is a tension between what the community is demanding and the obligation of the municipal government to provide. The question remains about who will pay for the increased amenities being requested by vocal groups. Will the Shoreline community support the cost of all the amenities they are requesting?

Ms. Southwick suggested setting clear budget and cost limits to help guide the public conversation.

Ms. Robertson reminded the group that the CAC was designed according to what the public process determined the community wants and that the CAC is only one piece of a potential voter-approved bond. Park improvements are the other piece. A lot of work has gone into determining park needs. Right now there are only questions and no answers. She expressed appreciation for the other members of the PFAC.

Mr. Franklin commented that the PFAC doesn't share the Park Board's history with Park Concept Design development. The CAC budget sets the baseline and any other park improvements are on top of that. He warned that some of the concept designs may be cut or drastically reduced.

Ms. Dittbrenner requested clarification regarding the role of the PFAC with regard to the Park Concept Designs. It is their role to determine what aspects of the park design can and should be funded through a voter-approved bond measure, but they are not redesigning any parks.

Mr. Franklin commented on the community's praise for the Snohomish Aquatic Center, saying it is a stand-alone aquatics center that was funded by a school district bond to also function as a community pool.

Mr. Ertsgaard and Mr. Brown indicated that it is a small group of swimmers at Shorewood High School and other non-school related swim groups that would use all of the amenities being requested by the aquatics community. Realistically, the expense of funding specialty aquatic amenities may only serve a small segment of the population.

Ms. Southwick encouraged very clear community communication about what the community wants vs. what the City can and cannot afford making sure the community understands where the money will come from and what the impacts will be. She is concerned about the public perception that if a group is loud enough they can get what they want.

11. **Comments from the Board**

- Mr. Hoey suggested being transparent about how much money it would cost per household to fund bonds of different sizes, plus information about the likelihood that bonds of different sizes would pass.
- Chair Robertson requested a quarterly Public Art update including a slideshow.

12. **Adjourn**

**Hearing no further business, Chair Robertson called moved to adjourn. So moved by Mr. Franklin; seconded by Ms. Dittbrenner. The meeting adjourned at 8:58 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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