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via ZOOM Webinar



Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services/Tree Board Meeting Minutes

Call to Order/Attendance

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

Park Board members present: Christine Southwick, John Hoey, Sara Raab McInerny, Bill Franklin, Elizabeth White, Erik Ertsgaard, Ivan Brown, Jeff Potter, Bruce Amundson (via intermittent phone connection)

Absent: None

PRCS Staff present: PRCS Director Eric Friedli, Administrative Assistant III Lynn Gabrieli, Administrative Assistant II Martha Karl

Approval of Agenda

Chair Southwick called for a motion to approve the agenda. So moved by Mr. Franklin and seconded by Mr. Potter. The motion carried.

Election of Officers

Director Eric Friedli introduced the procedure to elect officers and called for nominations from the floor for Chair.

Election of Chair

Mr. Franklin nominated John Hoey. Hearing no further nominations, Mr. Friedli called for a raised hand vote. Mr. Hoey was elected Chair by unanimous ballot of all present Board members. The Board thanked Ms. Southwick for her service as Chair.

Election of Vice-Chair

Chair Hoey thanked Ms. Southwick for her service and thanked the Board for electing him as Chair for his final year of service before his second term expires.

Chair Hoey opened the floor for nominations for Vice-Chair. Ms. Southwick nominated Bill Franklin. Hearing no further nominations, Mr. Hoey called for the vote. Mr. Franklin was elected Vice-chair by unanimous ballot of all present Board members.

Approval of Minutes

Chair Hoey called for a motion to approve the February meeting minutes. So moved by Ms. McInerny and seconded by Ms. Southwick. The motion carried.

Public Comment:

Pursuant to Governor Inslee's Proclamation 20-28, in an effort to curtail the spread of the COVID-19 virus, the PRCS/Tree Board's Regular Meetings will take place online using the Zoom platform and the public will not be allowed to attend in-person. Written comments received by 6:00 p.m. on May 28, 2020 have been entered

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into the Public Comment portion of this meeting for Board consideration. More information at www.shorelinewa.gov/parkboard

Janet Way, Shoreline Preservation Society

Dear Parks/Tree Board:

I appreciate all your work and that of the staff. I had sent a letter to Director Friedli who replied and said he's look into my concerns about the proposed Tree Cutting Plan at Kellogg Middle School, adjacent to Hamlin Park. I got a nice letter response today from Brian Lee. However, one of the statements made by Mr Lee was confusing to me. He said that since the trees were on SSD property, the Shoreline Tree Board does not review..

If you recall a plan is now permitted by the City to allow the SSD to cut 43 trees in total related to the Kellogg Project. They have already cut about 24 trees on NE 165th to accommodate a sidewalk, which is clearly not on School District property. It is the street Right of Way. That, it seems to me make it NOT only a SSD matter and one that the Parks/Tree Board should have to review.

The current project on the South side of Kellogg is on a steep slope and leaves some nearly pristine sections of Hamlin Park trees and understory exposed. Both of these cutting sites were directly adjacent to Hamlin Park.

My question is why is the Shoreline Parks/Tree Board permitted to have some oversight on such proposals? There is no like citizen entity available to oversee Tree Impacts created by the Shoreline School District, other than the School Board, which is quite preoccupied with educational and budget concerns.

I am requesting that the Parks/Tree Board request information on how many trees have been cut by the Shoreline School District this past year and especially how many were cut in total in relation to the School Bond projects?

As you know, Climate Change is not waiting around for our tiny new trees which will be planted to replace these mature trees, to grow and become effective at removing Carbon and other pollutants .

Thank you for your consideration.

Bob Keller, Shoreline resident – Meridian Park Neighborhood

I have a question regarding maintenance of trees planted when a new home is built. They remove numerous large trees and (I assume) have to plant some new trees as "replacements". Is there any requirement to try and keep those new trees alive or replace them if they die. For example, at the new homes built on the corner of 165th and Ashworth, 3 of the 6 trees on 165th are dead. The replacement tree requirement does not work if that is allowed to happen with no consequences. There should be a requirement to maintain the new trees by the developer or home owners for several years. Let's make an attempt to keep trees in Shoreline! Thanks for your consideration.

Director's Report

Artist cottage at Saltwater Park – Committee selected three artists to work this summer and fall More information about the Committee is on the city's website at shorelinewa.gov/art

- Ronald Bog Park is complete. The fence is up to allow newly hydroseeded grass to establish.
- Sunset School Park playground is scheduled for installation later this summer
- The Artist Residency program at the Cottage at Richmond Beach Saltwater Park is moving forward. The committee selected 3 artists to begin working this summer and into the fall. More information will be coming at shorelinewa.gov/art.

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- The Public Art program is moving forward with a series of site-specific poems titled “Voices in the Forest.” This project is sponsored by grants from the State Arts Commission and the National Endowment for the Arts.
- The Board has received numerous emails related to tree removal at Kellogg Middle School. All trees in question are on School District property and have gone through the City’s permitting process. These trees are not under the purview of the Tree Board because they are not located on public parkland.
- Summer Camp registration is currently open for those whose previous registrations were canceled due to COVID-19. 15 new camps have been developed: 8 kids and two staff per camp for 10 weeks with careful attention to adherence to the most current Department of Health guidelines. Registration will open to the general public after the priority registration period has ended.
- Maintenance staff will return to work full-time on Monday but without extra-help staff. Site safety plans have been developed for all City worksites.
- Important dates:
 - June 22
 - Parks and Recreation Month Council Proclamation
 - Recognition of outgoing youth Board members
 - Appointment of new youth Board members by Consent
 - July 13
 - Joint Council/PRCS.Tree Board meeting via Zoom Webinar

PRCS status in the era of COVID-19

Mr. Friedli shared the City of Shoreline plan for phased opening of Shoreline Parks & Recreation (Attachment 1).

King County Library System (KCLS) Update

Elsa Steel (KCLS Assistant Manager) and Katie Boyes (Librarian Services Manager)

Ms. Steel: KCLS staff are working from home like many residents during the COVID-19 health emergency. Online library usage is up during this time. KCLS is planning for Phase 2, the timing of which will follow the State and Board’s direction.

When the Library moves to Phase 3A (timing unknown) patrons will be able to check out materials via an app or over the phone and pick up materials curbside. Holds at Richmond Beach will be moved to Shoreline Library which will serve as the only curbside pick up location in Shoreline. When staff return, they will be checking in and re-shelving all the material that was checked out before the Stay at Home Order went into effect. Returned materials will be set aside for a couple of days to protect staff from the spread of COVID-19.

During Phase 3B library patrons will be allowed in the building on a limited basis. Staff will be wearing PPE and maintaining social distancing. Staff are eager to get back into the libraries and schools, but being an online library for all these weeks has been enlightening.

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Prior to COVID-19, the library system was able to meet the demand for demand for eBooks, but because publishers charge more for eBooks than print books and the increase in current demand, the wait is long for those who currently have books on hold.

Ms. Boyes: Librarians have moved from providing in-person service to creative online services. Story times, the Wisdom Café, book groups, and other library services have all successfully moved online to Zoom and social media platforms.

Ms. Boyes asked the Board to consider the kind of information they are interested in receiving from future presentations and invited feedback at [Kcls.org/ask](https://kcls.org/ask). Mr. Friedli requested information about the library's relationship to, and connections with, other local organizations.

Park Naming Process

Eric Friedli, Director

The City is currently in negotiations for several properties for conversion to public parkland including:

- 709 N 150th St. at Westminster Triangle
- 1341 N. 185th St. in Meridian Park Neighborhood and across from Echo Lake
- 1221 N. 192nd St.

The City's Park Naming Policy (see Agenda Packet) states requirements for naming new parks. Mr. Friedli proposed the following PRCS Board process:

- July 1 – Release a call for park naming proposals
- August 14 – Deadline to submit proposals
- August 17/18: PRCS subcommittee (if needed/desired) reviews naming proposals
- August 27 PRCS Board reviews proposals and develops recommendations to the City Council
- September: City Council adopts park names

Mr. Franklin inquired about the policy's direction to wait 6 months between receiving a naming proposal and the Council's final vote. Mr. Friedli clarified that the lapse was instituted to address unsolicited naming proposals mitigated by this appropriate timeline for consideration.

Mr. Franklin inquired whether there are any development proposals for the Meridian Park property at Echo Lake. The desire at this point is to create another community garden.

Mr. Hoey requested clarification about whether a subcommittee would be needed. It depends on how much feedback is received. If proposals are few, a subcommittee may not be necessary.

Ms. Raab McInerney questioned the wisdom of naming something prior to activating the space. There may be value in waiting until there is investment in community engagement and park development in order to pair the naming process with a more robust development plan.

Chair Hoey and Director Friedli affirmed that the Board's comments have been heard and will be considered as staff moves forward in developing this process.

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Possible Parks Bond Measure 2020

Eric Friedli, Director

Prior work that led to the failed 2019 Proposition 1 Ballot measure was reviewed. Mr. Friedli presented alternative scenarios and the costs associated with them via PowerPoint presentation.

Key discussion points to consider when determining whether to offer a bond measure to Shoreline voters include:

1. What park improvements should be included in a potential bond measure?
2. What is an appropriate amount to include for land acquisition?
3. What should the overall bond measure cost?
4. When should the bond measure be put before the voters?

Options:

1. Do not go forward and reduce overall tax burden
2. Develop a bond measure that maintains current tax levels
3. Go for something larger and increase the tax level by a modest amount

Alternative bond measures to consider include:

1. Priority park improvements, \$1.9M in park acquisition, and pay off the bond anticipation note used to purchase the Storage Court property = \$38.1M total;
2. Priority Park improvements and minimal parkland acquisition = \$21.1 M including \$1.2 M for property acquisition and \$0.77 M for improvements to acquired land;
3. Priority Park improvements and park acquisition = \$26 M which equates to a renewal of the current 2006 Park Bond which will expire this year and results in no net change for taxpayers.

Current status: Staff recommended that Council delay putting a measure on the ballot until either the November 2020 General election or until a future time when the economic impacts from the COVID-19 Health Emergency are determined.

Key Question: Given the COVID-19 incident that is affecting the City and the region, should the City proceed at all with a ballot measure for public consideration in 2020? The City Council is scheduled to discuss this topic on June 15. In order to place something on the ballot, the proposal needs to be submitted to King County early in August. The Board has not been asked to provide a formal recommendation, but is invited to do so.

Board members weighed the implications of each alternative and expressed general support for a \$26 M bond measure as a Park Bond "renewal." They discussed the tension between acquiring new parks and improving the parks we already have.

Mr. Franklin stated support for a \$26M bond measure that imposes no new taxes but reminded the Board of the Park Funding Advisory Committee effort that went into developing a prioritized park investment opportunity list. Mr. Franklin recommended staying within that list, with some potential modifications, when determining how best to allocate bond measure funds. If property acquisition is desired, raise the bond measure amount to include it.

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Mr Potter expressed support for including property acquisition in the \$26M bond measure because of the improbability of being able to purchase property at a later date.

Ms. White expressed support for caring for Shoreline's urban forest which will cost more money and require more time the longer it is let go.

Mr. Potter recommended placing the acquisition of the Storage Court property on a separate bond measure as opposed to including it in a bond measure for parks.

Chair Hoey acknowledged the strange time we are living in and the uncertainty of its financial impacts. He feels concerned about asking property owners to pay any additional money and wants to proceed cautiously. He thanked Mr. Friedli for the analysis and encouraged the board to remain "dreamers" but also be realistic. He encouraged the Board to at least watch the June 15 Council meeting and submit public comment if they feel inclined.

Mr. Franklin moved to recommend the placement a renewal bond measure on the 2020 General Election ballot in the amount of \$26 M. The Board would like to offer an additional recommendation on the contents of the bond measure at a later time. The motion was seconded by Ms. Southwick. Chair Hoey called for the vote which was as follows:

In favor: Mr. Franklin, Ms. Raab McInerny, Ms. Southwick, Ms. White, Mr. Hoey, Mr. Potter

Against: Mr. Amundson

The motion carried by majority vote.

Farewell to Erik and Ivan

The Board thanked youth Board members, Ivan Brown and Erik Ertsgaard, for their years of active service. Both graduates will be attending the University of Washington in the fall, and both expressed gratitude for their time on the Board and all they had learned in the process.

Comments from the Board

Chair Hoey moved to extend the meeting, seconded by Mr. Franklin. No objections.

Ms. Southwick wondered whether the red brick road between Aurora and Midvale could be signed with an historical marker and she inquired about the status of the major art installation. The installation has experienced minor delays, but it is scheduled for installation later this year.

Mr. Franklin requested a status update on Hidden Lake. Mr. Friedli will send an update to the Board via email.

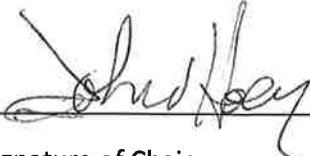
Ms. Raab McInerny affirmed the value of public parks and open spaces during this time of isolation and reflected the public's appreciation for these outdoor places of refuge.

Mr. Hoey was one of three jurors for the Artist Residency program. The top three artists and the alternate have all accepted an invitation to begin work later this summer. He requested that the links to their proposals be forwarded to the Board.

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Adjourn

Hearing no further business, Chair Hoey called for a motion to adjourn. So moved by Ms. Southwick and seconded by Mr. Franklin. The meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

			
Signature of Chair	Date	Signature of Minute-Writer	Date
		Martha Karl, Administrative Assistant II	



PHASED OPENING OF SHORELINE PARKS & RECREATION

	PHASE 1	PHASE 2	PHASE 3	PHASE 4
OPEN PARKS & AMENITIES	<p><i>Stay Home, Stay Healthy</i> Social distancing required</p> <p>Parks & Trails - No vehicle access to Richmond Beach Saltwater Park Park restrooms</p>	<p><i>Fewer than 5 people outside household</i> Social distancing required</p> <p>Richmond Beach Saltwater Park vehicle access Kruckeberg Botanic Garden - limited attendance Skate Park Tennis/Pickleball Courts Soccer field reservations - No games or scrimmages; limited practices by permit only Baseball diamonds - No games or scrimmages; limited practices by permit only Basketball Courts - No games or scrimmages Picnic shelters - Open but not reservable Very small group outdoor park rentals</p>	<p><i>Fewer than 50 people</i> Social distancing required</p> <p>Green Shoreline Partnership - Limited work parties Playgrounds Limited recreation classes</p>	<p><i>No limits</i></p> <p>Recreation classes Drop-In Recreation Programs Teen Center Programs Specialized Recreation Programs Community Garden Volunteer Events General outdoor park rentals General picnic shelter rentals General athletic field rentals Green Shoreline Partnership - General work parties</p>

