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Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services/Tree Board Meeting Minutes

Call to Order/Attendance/Welcome

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

Park Board members present: Chair William Franklin, Vice Chair Jeff Potter, Genny Arredondo, David Lin, Jean Hilde, Dustin McIntyre, Sara Raab McInerney, Noah Weil, Hayley Berkman

City Staff present: Recreation, Cultural and Community Services (RCCS) Director Colleen Kelly, RCS Superintendent Mary Reidy, Public Art Coordinator David Francis, Administrative Assistant II Gail Robertson, Administrative Assistant II Martha Karl, Environmental Services Coordinator Autumn Salamack, Parks, Fleet and Facilities Supervisor Dan Johnson.

Approval of Agenda

Chair Franklin called for a minor revision to the agenda. Mr. McIntyre moved to amend the agenda. Before Agenda Item 6., the Board should consider an action to approve a letter in support of an application for grant funding for the Community Aquatic Center Research Study.

Chair Franklin also moved to include a revision to retitle Agenda Item 9. *Board Comments* instead of *Board Updates*. Both actions were seconded by Mr. Potter. The motion carried.

Approval of August Meeting Minutes

Chair Franklin called for a motion to approve the August meeting minutes. So moved by Mr. Weil and seconded by Ms. Arredondo.

Prior to voting on the motion, Ms. Kelly stated that she had a request from a member of the public, Kathleen Russell, to amend the meeting minutes (page 6 of the packet, page 2 of the minutes) to include the full text of her public comment which was provided after the August Board meeting.

The August minutes also stated that Ms. Russell's written comments were submitted to the Board prior to the meeting but her written comments were actually received after the meeting. Ms. Kelly proposed that the minutes be amended to include both of these changes.

Chair Franklin asked Ms. Kelly if this needed to be moved for a vote by a Board member. She said yes. There was discussion about whether public comments were typically included in the minutes and if they weren't fully included, where they could be referenced. Ms. Kelly said these comments were lengthy and the Board had originally received them in writing, so staff chose to refer to them. Ms. Russell requested to have the full text included in the minutes. Mr. Weil asked if there's a public source for the comments. Ms. Kelly stated that there is a tracking system in place that was developed last summer. She'd need to research how public comments were tracked prior to her recent tenure as RCCS Director.

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There was concern that if all the public comments were included verbatim, the packet would be very large. Ms. Kelly clarified that this request was specific to oral public comment provided at the meeting.

Mr. McIntyre moved to amend the written comments submitted during the meeting and provide reference to those during the comment period. Ms. Hilde seconded. The motion carried.

Public Comment

Chair Franklin read the public comment rules. Four people signed up for public comment at tonight's meeting.

1. Mark Mestel – Provided comments reiterating his desire for the pickleball striping to be removed from the Richmond Beach Park tennis courts.
2. Steve Anderson – Spoke in support of retaining the pickleball lines at the Richmond Beach Park tennis courts and offered to lend assistance to help address neighbors' concerns.
3. Bryce Hanson forwarded notes to Steve Anderson – Agreed with comments made by Steve Anderson.

Director's Report

Colleen Kelly, RCCS Director

Mary Reidy, Recreation and Cultural Services Superintendent

(See Attachment A for the PowerPoint presentation)

Ms. Kelly noted that we missed the Land Acknowledgment.

Last week the Council discussed proposed Resolution #483 which would mandate vaccination for all City employees, volunteers and contractors. Action on this resolution is scheduled for 10/04/21 effective 12/01/21. She will provide more info once Council takes action.

There has been an announcement about a collaboration with Sound Transit, City of Shoreline, and the King County Conservation District to green up the corridor with native trees. Neighbors in these areas can put in requests to qualify for the Conservation District to provide plants, labor to install and maintenance for the plantings for the next few years.

Mary Reidy discussed the transition from our current software, Max Galaxy to ActiveNet, which will go live at 7:01am Tuesday 9/28. This is due to ActiveNet purchasing Max Galaxy, which the City installed about seven years ago, and is no longer supporting. No registrations or rentals will be accepted from 5:00pm Friday until 7:00am Tuesday 9/28 to allow for the transition. This won't affect many and the City's Communication Team will be blasting out releases to everyone in the next week.

Special events are slowly coming back. Hamlin Haunt will be held 10/22/21 with ticketed entry, masks and social distancing. More information will be on the City website. The first hour will be limited to youth with sensory limitations.

Adult classes, trips and programs are starting to build. There are limited instructors since several have not returned. Also, limited youth programs because of COVID, and with Richmond Highlands Recreation Center closed for repairs the programs have moved to Spartan.

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Specialized Recreation staff have received many compliments from parents for the great classes they provide. Ms. Reidy encouraged the Board to attend some of the classes and observe. This program is a testimony to the resilience and creativity of this team.

Public Art news from David Francis –The guest Artist in Residence during the summer successfully integrated with the teen programming that was also occurring at the cottage.. The current artist will give a dance performance on 10/09/21. They are also working with the Public Art Team at Town Center for landscaping around the Soundshell sculpture.

Mr. Francis announced a partnership with Refract: the Seattle Glass Experience for a multi-day glass festival at Café Aroma on 10/16/21 from 1-7pm. Tickets are going fast; about half are gone.

Ms. Kelly showed photos of the public art landscaping being installed at Town Center and commented on the collaboration with the Parks staff to help with the installation. Mr. Johnson discussed the work they did on the installation and how fun it was to help with this project.

Mr. Johnson gave an update on park operations.

Repairs at Richmond Highlands should be completed by the end of the year.

At the Shoreline pool the Fire Department has been doing demolition/training. The roof beams will be removed and shaped into a new Shoreline Pavilion with concealed fasteners and rods that bolt to the foundation. Beams are reused from the building to create a flexible space with civic scale that they hope will draw regional recreation events. This should be erected in February or March.

Mr. Johnson discussed the Trees for Rail project for street trees. Sound Transit needs to plant trees and space to store nursery stock. The new Edwin Pratt Memorial Park has been offered for this purpose since it will be available while the City is awaiting funding to complete design/landscaping at the park.

A tree took out the roof at the property recently acquired at Paramount Park, so it was decided to take the house down and restore the site to open green space.

At Brugger's Bog Park, the City acquired an extremely nice property adjacent to the NE corner of the park. The property will be rented out for the near future.

At Hillwood Park, the former restrooms were removed by the School District and a high-end modular restroom will be installed. The tennis courts were also refurbished by the School District. Park restroom upgrades will start soon.

At Westminster Park, the house on the site was removed. Nine trees were planted: two Douglas Firs, two Coastal Redwood, two Incense Cedar and three Vine Maple. Temporary irrigation was installed and the site hydroseeded. Bollards were installed to limit access and the fence is being replaced.

Ms. Arredondo commended Mr. Francis, Ms. Reidy, and Mr. Johnson for all their work and was impressed by the amount of art offerings and programs.

Chair Franklin had some questions concerning the Recreation. Center roof project. Mr. Johnson discussed the work on the fire suppression updates. He was asked if there would be value in leaving the

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ceiling exposed. He and Ms. Reidy discussed trying to increase the ceiling height, but he spoke with the contractor and there isn't a way to do that.

Chair Franklin also asked about hydroseeding at Westminster. Mr. Johnson described that it will now be a grass mix which will be maintained.

Chair Franklin also asked about the use of the Edwin Pratt Memorial Park and the plans for design and development. Mr. Johnson said that the plan was for a grass meadow and trees to connect the street and the cul-de-sac behind with the addition of some benches and tables. Chair Franklin mentioned that the Board struggled with naming the park, especially with naming it as a memorial park, and the hope was to make it a viable park to honor the individual.

Ms. Arredondo questioned why trees were removed at Westminster Park. Mr. Johnson explained that two were dead, one adjacent to a neighbor that they were worried about. One was left for habitat. Two more trees were lost due to the demolition of the house on the property. The final one was diseased and dying. The new trees will be entered into the GIS database so they can be tracked.

Discussion of Feasibility Grant Support Letter

William Franklin, Chair

This letter was sent to everyone in advance. Ms. McInerny wondered if there should be additional clarification that the reference survey was conducted before the pool closed and emphasized the complete absence of a pool at this time. She suggested that the need has grown since the survey results because of the closure of the pool and would like to move paragraph 3 to paragraph 2 since Shoreline no longer has a pool. Chair Franklin shared that he prefers more time for the Board to mull things over before they take action, but that was not possible in this situation Mr. McIntyre stated that he wouldn't delay transmitting the letter to the Council. He said the need for a public pool has only grown. Ms. Kelly stated that the letter is intended to come from the Board and they can revise the letter or add a sentence before it's sent. Noah likes the proposal of switching pp 2 and 3 and vote to send the letter. If there is unanimous support when the vote is taken, he suggested adding the word unanimous to the letter. This was proposed by Noah and seconded by Chair Franklin. Ms. Kelly clarified the moving of paragraph 3 up and adding the word unanimous. Ms. Hilde agreed that we needed to add a sentence that the survey was done prior to the closure of the pool. Ms. Arredondo hesitated to add anything speculative. Suggestion to include "It is important to note that the survey was done prior to the closure of the pool." Vice Chair Potter wanted to tag on information about the historical use of the pool so there's not speculation. Ms. Kelly added the clause that it was widely used by the community and agree to ask staff if there was concrete data to include. Mr. Johnson suggested using the term "permanent closure."

Mr. McIntyre moved to approve the letter as amended. Seconded and all in favor, no opposed. The motion carried.

Land Acknowledgment

Chair Franklin apologized for the oversight and asked Ms. Berkman to read the Land Acknowledgment.

We acknowledge the land on which our work started as the traditional home of the Coast Salish and Snohomish peoples. We take this opportunity to thank the original caretakers and storytellers of this

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land who are still here, and to recognize the immense culture of these peoples by remembering their history and traditions. We invite you to recognize our government's history of unfair treatment and lack of accountability against Indigenous communities as we push to raise visibility and education about them.

2020 Sustainability Report and Climate Action Plan Update

Autumn Salamack, Environmental Services Coordinator, RCCS Dept.

(See Attachment B for the PowerPoint presentation)

Ms. Salamack gave a brief overview of the 2020 Sustainability Report and a preview of the Climate Action Plan. The Sustainable Shoreline Program has five main focus areas which are:

- Climate, Water & Energy
- Materials, Food & Water
- Transportation
- Trees, Parks & Ecosystems
- Resilient Communities

She discussed how 2019 was the first time to measure performance and the results of that in 2019 and 2020. Climate change was the central theme. She spoke to how the community was engaged in action to help with meeting the goals. She highlighted the Waste Wise program among others that they've implemented.

Transportation improvements included enhanced bike racks, more EV charging stations and new sidewalks.

Trees, Parks and Ecosystem improvements included 495 new trees planted and an acre of new park land, salmon safe progress and pollution prevention and stormwater activities.

The City completed its first climate impact and resiliency study.

Three Envirostar businesses were added along with four environmental mini-grants and Safer Cleaning brochure.

2021 activities include Safer Cleaning workshops, multifamily waste reduction & Diversion Programs, compost program and incentives for businesses and a resident compost education program.

The City adopted its first Climate Action Plan in 2013. Many additional actions are needed in next five years to reduce emissions. Ms. Salamack discussed ways the City will identify sources of emissions and the plans to continue to reduce increased emissions. She outlined the major sources of emissions and the results of the City's efforts to reduce these.

The City needs to do more and make some decisions on what to do. She discussed the 4 Key Strategies for the Shoreline Community:

- Reduce Vehicle Miles Traveled
- Replace Gasoline and diesel fuel vehicles with EVs
- Increase Energy Efficiency

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- Electrify all new Buildings

She stressed that the City and community need to work on developing a full set of strategies in the coming year. She discussed the CAP (Climate Action Plan) Goals that the City has outlined and the areas of focus for the CAP Update. Ms. Salamack stressed that climate change effects those in the community in different ways, often disproportionately. She discussed strategies in which the City can provide equity and a voice to Front Line Communities. A group was created with 11 Community Climate Advisors to engage all and provide a Diversity of Identities. The group was created to provide inclusive engagement opportunities and promote broad participation.

Ms. Salamack finished by summarizing the 2021-22 CAP Update. Additional information is at Shorelinewa.gov/climate.

Ms. Hilde asked what the City was doing with their fleet of vehicles to help with emissions. She felt the City could do more. Mr. Johnson stated that one thing that hinders fuel economy are heavy vehicles. Some strategy employed – new single motor sweeper has been purchased which will be more efficient. Medium and light duty trucks now have lighter body vehicles. Two new Ford electric trucks are in the budget. One will be used for park sanitation. The second truck will be a Ground Maintenance truck for right of way maintenance. Vehicle chargers are installed at the Maintenance Facility. More EV chargers for the police and sheriff as they start to improve their fleet. Ms. Salamack stated that the City operations contribute very little to greenhouse gasses and that the natural gas use at the pool was the biggest contributor and now that's closed.

Ms. Arredondo asked Ms. Salamack to talk a little about how the information is put out to the public and encouraged them to participate. She stated it's not been broadly shared previously but the Community Climate Advisors will be helpful in communicating to the public.

Chair Franklin asked if Ms. Salamack knew when the Recology Store will re-open. She stated that they've had a hard time getting fully staffed should be open within the next two months if all goes smoothly.

Pickleball Follow-up

Dan Johnson, Parks, Fleet and Facilities Manager

Mr. Johnson referenced the memo that went out in the packet. Staff have received comments from people in favor of and not in favor of the restriping of the courts at Richmond Beach Community Park. He acknowledged that the particulars of this situation warranted more community outreach than was provided. Going forward, staff will continue to post notice, but will also send a mailer to any affected neighbors.

Staff will conduct a technical review to develop a plan for resolution. Mr. Johnson stressed that the concerns will be taken seriously and with data they will come back to the Board and neighbors for recommendations.

Ms. Hilde requested Google maps to show where the courts are. This was shared with the group. She stated that she was surprised that these courts are in such close proximity to the neighbors. The question was asked what it would take to unstripe and stripe additional courts at Shoreview. Mr. Johnson mentioned that they wouldn't do that in cold weather as it may damage the courts. Ms. Hilde

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asked the reason these were chosen over Shoreview. These courts needed to be resurfaced in order to save their integrity and was a scheduled event. As a default, pickleball lines would be added to provide more playable space in the City. Chair Franklin asked why only two out of the six courts at Shoreview were striped when it was resurfaced. Ms. Reidy mentioned that was a pilot to add more availability to the pickleball community. Chair Franklin asked if the budget could be used to restripe the courts instead of hiring a consultant to evaluate the sound. Looking at the Richmond Beach Community Park courts aesthetically, the suggested fixes wouldn't be too pleasing. There was discussion on costs involved and Mr. Johnson said that until they interview and get prices, they don't know what that'll be. He suggested that this will be important information before a decision is made.

Ms. Arredondo asked if repainting and resurfacing are the same thing. Mr. Johnson said that both are done together.

Ms. Hilde remarked that there is a 10-year history with these courts, and we need to remember that. Vice Chair Potter recommended that while looking at long term solutions, it would show commitment to being good neighbors to try to come up with short term solutions such as limited hours of play and other things that were discussed. Chair Franklin inquired whether we should put temporary signage to limit the use to tennis while this is being studied and that was discussed. Ms. Kelly mentioned that some of this communication has gone to the Council, and they haven't shown any inclination to get involved. She stressed it's important for staff to do their due diligence and have a clear rationale. She stated that there's been a fair amount of input in favor of pickleball so to be careful about potentially limiting the courts to tennis until we come to some conclusions. Mr. Johnson reiterated his intent to hire an independent contractor to measure the sound. He will get results first before he makes any suggestions. Mr. Weil spoke in support of commissioning a study but not lose sight of the immediate issue. He agrees that restricting court use may be a problem since a lot of people come in from out of town and we don't want to alienate them. He recommended a restriction on hours as opposed to a restriction on usage. After discussion that this is an Operations issue, it was noted that the pickleball community is well connected and if pickleball community leaders are identified and have a discussion with them, they may be willing to work with us and self-regulate.

Chair Franklin lost Zoom access; Vice Chair Potter took charge of the meeting.

Mr. McIntyre moved to extend the meeting to discuss retreat planning. Ms. McInerny seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Retreat Planning Subcommittee Update

Jean Hilde, Park Board member

Noah Weil, Park Board member

Sara Raab McInerny, Park Board member

The pandemic has restricted what the Board can do this year as far as a physical retreat. The subcommittee tried to balance getting together with COVID safety. It was decided that it needs to happen outside so it must happen sooner than later due to weather. Proposed retreat of 10/2 seemed to work best. They hope this date can be locked in and they are looking at Richmond Beach picnic shelter and the Artist Cottage. This has lots of seating but close enough to talk. No video option is available if outside. There will be some homework to be done prior to coming to the retreat.

