



**Revised Meeting Minutes for the Parks, Recreation
and Cultural Services Board**

January 28, 2010
7:00 p.m.

Shoreline City Hall
Room 302

1. Call to Order

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

Park Board Members Present: Kevin McAuliffe, Joe Neiford, Boni Biery, Londa Jacques, Shari Tracey, Jesse Sycuro, Andrew Delgado, Ian Fike, Patricia Hale, William Clements.

Excused: Carolyn Ballo

City Staff Present: Dick Deal, Director; Kirk Peterson, Park Superintendent; Lynn Cheeney, Recreation Superintendent; Ros Bird, Public Art Coordinator; David Buchan, Project Manager; Robin Lesh, Administrative Assistant III

2. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Sycuro moved and Mr. McAuliffe seconded the motion to approve the minutes as amended. The motion carried.

3. Approval of Agenda

Ms. Hale moved and Ms. Biery seconded the motion to approve the agenda as written. The motion carried.

4. Pubic Comment

Dan Johnson, Shoreline

Mr. Johnson spoke to the Kruckeberg Botanic Garden public meeting on the previous evening, January 27; he thinks the process, work, and design is really coming together nicely. 12 years ago, a developer of Maple Knowles went through a big process to create a buffer. They also had geotechnical reviews done and revealed valuable information about the property. He added that he and neighbors would like to see the greenbelt remain for the buffer and habitat purposes. Mr. Johnson asked the Board to please consider this when they make recommendations to the City Council. He also introduced Bill Thompson of Shoreline, who was also interested in the Kruckeberg Botanic Garden Master Plan.

Laethan Wene, Shoreline

Mr. Wene shared that he thought there should be more programs for those with disabilities; the City once offered Special Olympics Bowling and thinks it should be brought back, as well as Special Olympics Track programs.

5. Specialized Recreation Staff Presentation

Jill Rogers and Courtney Brown deliver a presentation on the current programs being offered in Shoreline. This presentation was followed by a short film that was compiled by participants in Specialized Recreation programs and finalized by staff.

6. Hamlin Park Art

Artist Leah Libow spoke to the Board regarding her vision for a temporary art installation at Hamlin Park titled the Goddess Project. The plan is for the artist and volunteers to install nearly 1,000 doilies from the center of a tree trunk in Hamlin Park. The pattern will spread around the base of the tree and surrounding area. The focus of the project is on the Earth, how it heals, and the Feminine. After the exhibit is installed, a group of women will be present in the space to share stories as part of the exhibit. Some basic signage was proposed from the main parking area as not to impact the neighborhood streets close to where the exhibit would take place. Ms. Hale asked how local women could participate. Ms. Libow responded that they can email her at leah@leahlibow.net, or visit her website www.leahlibow.net.

Mr. Fike moved and Ms. Biery seconded a motion to approve the Goddess Project art installation in Hamlin Park. The motion carried.

7. Kruckeberg Botanic Garden & Sunset Park Update

Mr. Buchan shared that the next design meeting for Kruckeberg would happen on February 24. The next steps will include more detailed drawings and character of different areas at the site.

Mr. Clements shared that he attended the previous evening's meeting and saw the success of the evolving master planning process, though it could take many years for the vision to become the reality. Mr. Neiford asked of the Dunn Garden Board be invited to attend an upcoming meeting, Mr. Buchan responded that they have been invited and added that all slide presentations would be available on the City's website soon.

Mr. Buchan also discussed the status of Sunset Park/Boeing Creek Open Space Master Planning Process. Nearly 120 people attended a recent master planning meeting where the Pomegranate Center organized and moderated the meeting process. On February 23, the next meeting will feature a hands-on session where groups will gather and share design ideas. A Landscape-Architecture team will

soon be brought on board to create concept plans that will allow staff to submit grant requests.

A question arose about how Sunset Park will connect to Boeing Creek Open Space. Mr. Buchan explained that the connection will run along 8th Avenue NW, and down a steep slope that is too much for most bikes to navigate, but is sufficient for pedestrians. There is some concern to address in the near future of a western boundary of the parcel that extends into the middle of 8th Avenue NW.

8. EarthCorps' Hamlin Vegetation Study Results

Nelson Salisbury and Bill Brosseau, staff from EarthCorps, presented their findings to the Board of a two-year study in Hamlin Park that focused on the understory of the forested area of the park. The method included observing six test plots in various parts of the park, each with four quadrants per plot. After two years of study, the group found that the highest rates of success were with plants that were put directly into the ground with no soil amendments, were mostly low-growing plants, and were tolerant of low pH levels.

Next steps include expanding the planting efforts near a re-surfaced trail to monitor the plantings, both with and without watering. Mr. Deal added that staff propose continuing the study with EarthCorps as well as South Woods holly removal. Some discussing proceeded regarding study methods and variables. Staff agreed that this will eventually evolve into a vegetation management plan and restoration plan for the entire park. An invasive-tree study will likely follow, focusing on holly and/or cherry laurel.

Ms. Jacques moved and Mr. Neiford seconded a motion to approve an additional test plot at the size of ½ acre. The motion carried.

Ms. Hale moved and Ms. Biery seconded a motion to approve an invasive tree study. The motion carried.

9. Hamlin Field Naming

Mr. Deal explained the background of Bill DeBolt field at Hamlin Park. He asked the Board if they had field naming suggestions. Ms. Biery recommended they keep the historical reference of Bill DeBolt but consider re-naming the two other fields. Discussion continued regarding options such as naming each complex with numbered fields, incorporating the upper fields near 25th Avenue NE. The Board asked for more information on Bill DeBolt and the field at a future meeting.

10. Hamlin Dedication Bench

Mr. Deal shared that he recently met with Susie Duff, the widow of the man killed by a falling tree branch in Hamlin Park in a storm. She asked if the parts of the tree could be salvaged to make a wood bench in memory of her late husband. Mr. Deal

asked the Board for permission for staff to install, at the City's cost, a bench near the site of the incident.

Ms. Biery moved and Mr. Neiford seconded a motion to approve a bench be installed at the site. The motion carried.

11. Staff Reports

Public Art

Ms. Bird discussed the recent vandalism to artwork at Echo Lake Park, an update that the Hamlin Park "Dew Beads" were about to be installed, the Cromwell Park "Rain Tree" footing is in place, and the Dudley Carter Totem may soon be moved from the Shoreline Library to the lobby of Shoreline City Hall.

Recreation

Ms. Cheeney shared recent activities in the Recreation Division:

Youth Ambassador's Proclamation:

On January 19th, the Shoreline Youth Ambassadors took part at City of Shoreline City Council meeting to accept the Martin Luther King, Jr.'s proclamation. They were very excited and honored to be invited to speak at the meeting.

Mid-Winter Break Day Camp:

Camp is located at the Spartan Recreation Center. Camp includes physical activities, arts & crafts, and a daily trip to the pool. Mid-winter break Camp is one of our three schools out camps we offer each year.

Pool Maintenance Closure:

This year, we are completing the work started in 2009 during our Pool Maintenance Closure. We will bring the Shoreline Pool into Federal Compliance with the Virginia Graeme Baker Act for improved safety regarding possible drain entrapment.

In 2009 we contracted Orca Pacific mechanical engineers evaluate and confirm the configuration of our Pool's main drainage system and created plans for all work needed to become compliant with the new Federal laws. This required draining the pool. We will need to drain the pool again for this year's projects.

While the pool is empty and the drain-work is still being completed. Shoreline staff will complete their annual tasks. In addition to replacing filter cover and repairing filter floats, we will conduct massive cleaning and cleaning-out (lockers, deck drains...etc), We will also repair floors and ceiling work. We repairing and creating new lane separation lines. We are looking to repair the Bulkhead locking pin system and to paint the top of the bulkhead. Repairing and replacing

Since the majority of work is unseen or unnoticed repairs, we always try to include tasks that are easily visible to the public. We are installing two more wall murals to add color and life to the pool walls and refinishing the wooden benches and coat hooks.

Park Maintenance

Mr. Peterson gave an update to changes in several parks:

At Hamlin Park, Storey Construction is now working to improve the trails and prevent erosion with box step, graded trails and a bridge over low areas.

Park Maintenance Staff will be installing dugout covers at Paramount School Park, Upper Hamlin Park, Richmond Highlands field 1 and Hillwood Park this spring, in anticipation of baseball season.

Volunteers showed up to assist Eagle Scout Habitat Restoration projects at Paramount Open Space.

Park Maintenance Staff will be featured in an upcoming issue of Shoreline Currents, enlightening residents on the inner workings of the parks they enjoy.

Park Planning

Ms. Colaizzi gave a visual image tour through the Hamlin and Cromwell park construction sites and City Hall landscaping, guiding the Board through what the sites will look like when finished.

She also summarized the various projects currently underway in the park system:

Planning Projects:

- Parks, Recreation & Open Space Plan Update
- Sunset Park/Boeing Creek Visioning
- Kruckeberg Garden Master Plan
- Hamlin Park Vegetation Study
- KC Trail Levy Projects-Interurban/Echo Lake Park

Design Projects:

- Trail Corridors
- Saltwater Park Pedestrian Bridge Repair

Construction Projects:

- Hamlin Park
- Cromwell Park
- Richmond Highlands Restroom
- Covered Dugouts
- Trail Corridors
- SWP Bridge Repair

Director's Report

Mr. Deal presented the video about Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services recently made by the City Manager's office.

12. Meeting Adjourned

With no further business on the agenda, it was moved by Mr. McAuliffe and seconded by Ms. Biery to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

Signature of Park Board Chair

Date

Signature of Minute Writer

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