



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

March 25, 2010
7:00 p.m.

Shoreline City Hall
Council Chambers

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. Attendance was taken.

Park Board Members Present: Kevin McAuliffe, Boni Biery, Jesse Sycuro, Londa Jacques, Patricia Hale, William Clements, Carolyn Ballo, Ian Fike, Andrew Delgado.

Excused: Joe Neiford, Kevin McAuliffe

City Staff Present: Dick Deal, Director; Kirk Peterson, Park Superintendent; Lynn Cheeney, Recreation Superintendent; Ross Heller, Project Manager; David Buchan, Project Manager; Robin Lesh, Administrative Assistant III

2. Approval of Minutes

Ms. Biery moved and Ms. Ballo seconded the motion to approve the minutes as amended on pages 1 and 6. The motion carried.

3. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Clements proposed the Board add item 5a as a second public comment period for the 195th trail project. Ms. Hale moved and Mr. Delgado seconded the motion to accept the change in the agenda. The motion carried.

4. General Pubic Comment

No public was present with general public comment.

5. 195th Trail Project

Mr. Deal introduced Ross Heller and gave some of the project background. Mr. Heller explained some of the options and changes as agreed to by some of the neighbors, such as screening for those who wanted it, moving the trail location to the north, eliminating the soft surface trail and adding lighting. Lighting will have a residential street level but features cut-offs as not to interfere into homes.

The Board raised concerns including maintenance of the blackberry removal and soft surface shoulder for the hard-surface trail. Staff recommended and the Board

agreed to a center line on the paved trail. Mr. Deal added in response to the neighbors concern of spending taxpayer monies elsewhere, that the funds can only be spent for trail purposes.

Other Board discussion included trail alignment with crosswalks at Meridian and 1st Avenue NE, landscape selection support and care for the maintenance of graffiti and other vandalism that could happen at the site.

5a. Public Comment for 195th Trail Project

Frank Poyske, Shoreline

Mr. Poyske lives near N. Corliss Street and asked if there would be any pedestrian signage on the east end of the trail? Mr. Heller responded that there was no intention to light this end of the trail but that the project goal would be a good and safe blend into the neighborhoods on each end.

Ken Behrend, Shoreline

Mr. Behrend thanked the Board and City staff for giving so much consideration to the neighbors.

Monica Holdridge, Shoreline

Ms. Holdridge asked if there is a way to install speed control elements as vehicles approach the trail intersection. Mr. Deal responded that it will depend on what the Neighborhood Traffic Safety plan is for that area, but it may look similar to other trail crossings in the area which do have some sort of speed notification element.

Ms. Holdridge added that she is hesitant about new traffic and asks how long it would take to see the screening installed and the types available. Mr. Deal and Mr. Heller both responded that it should be around October and immediately following the trail construction. The type of screening is her choice to maximize her preference of privacy; for example, a 1"-2" caliper tree to full evergreen options. The Board then had discussion on sidewalk options along 1st Avenue NE.

Mr. Clements thanked the public who spoke that evening and staff for their time and consideration.

Ms. Hale moved that the Board approve the project to move forward with the amendments and accommodations made to project site neighbors, including vegetation screening and fencing for interested neighbors, the installation of the hard surface trail at this time, and coming back to the Park Board at a later time if staff felt a soft surface trail was needed. Mr. Delgado seconded the motion and the motion carried.

6. Twin Ponds Park

Mr. Peterson introduced John Dixon, a long-time volunteer at Twin Ponds Park. Mr. Dixon presented a proposal for a large wooden sign to be placed into the Twin Ponds Arboretum. He shared some of the work that he and park volunteer Dick Decker have completed over the years, crediting Mr. Decker's tireless efforts and dedication. Mr. Dixon asked the Board for their permission to install the sign in

front of the Arboretum. Mr. Peterson clarified the proposed placement of the sign and Mr. Deal offered the Board a tour of the site if they so chose. Ms. Biery moved that the Board accept Mr. Dixon's arboretum sign proposal. Mr. Fike seconded the motion and the motion carried.

7. Sunset Park Update

Mr. Deal introduced City staff Mr. Buchan and Friends of Sunset Park (FOSP) organizer Lynn Huston. They gave a brief history of FOSP and the project process to date. Mr. Buchan summarized the public meeting activities such as brainstorming, drawing and concept development in small groups. April 6 will be the final public workshop before finalizing the proposal that will be presented to the Board for their action on April 22.

Ms. Huston thanked the Board for their support in the process. Mr. Buchan explained the next steps, including the funding plan and transitional process as the project moves toward Park Board approval. Mr. Deal added that the information provided to City Council at their April 5 meeting will also be sent to the Park Board and elaborated on the complicated, tight timeline of the granting process. Ms. Colaizzi interjected that there are two separate funding sources, one for Boeing Creek Open Space and another for Sunset Park (the Land & Water Fund, and Washington Wildlife and Recreation Coalition).

Ms. Huston once again thanked the Board and staff for their time and efforts. Mr. Clements thanked Ms. Huston and FOSP for their energy and being a model for community mobilizing, as well as being a champion for open space and public land.

8. Paramount Open Space Bench Plan

Ms. Colaizzi introduces Jan Stewart and Vicki Westburg, members of the Friends of Paramount Open Space and neighbors of the park. Ms. Colaizzi explained there was a request for a donor bench at Paramount Open Space and displayed an aerial image of the site with five proposed bench locations and a sample of the bench type being recommended for this site.

The Board raised concerns about the amount of concrete and questioned ideal placement of a dedication plaque; on the bench vs. set into the concrete. Mr. Deal elaborated that this bench type was selected to fit in best with the natural area and park surroundings, and was different from the previous donor benches selected for other parks. This may also affect the options available for affixing the dedication plaque, but he advised that staff would research options and come back to the Board with the final recommendation.

Mr. Fike moved and Ms. Biery seconded a motion to accept the recommended bench and plaque style. The motion carried.

Ms. Hale moved and Mr. Delgado seconded a motion to approve the bench location with a plaque location to be later determined. The motion carried.

Ms. Stewart thanked staff and the Board for their work to help make this happen. Mr. Deal thanked the community members for their passion and enthusiasm in this process.

9. Staff Reports

Public Art

Ms. Bird discussed the recent vandalism of the Dew Beads at Hamlin Park, and the repair to the recently vandalized sculpture in Echo Lake Park.

Recreation

Ms. Cheeney shared recent activities in the Recreation Division:

Program Registration:

Registration for our Spring Summer classes and activities began yesterday for Shoreline /LFP. Registration for all others begins on March 29. Popular programs included our Specialized Recreation programs and our summer events and activities.

Raikes Foundation Grant:

The City of Shoreline received a \$20,000 grant from the Reikes Foundation for training and support of our Recreation Crew Leadership Program. Members of the teen program will receive monthly training programs between March 2010 and March 2011. The first training happened March 24 with Recreation Coordinators Mary Reidy and Amanda Zollner, and Recreation Superintendent Lynn Cheeney. The City received a grant last year from "Schools Out Washington" and this one picks up where that one left off. Mary, Amanda and crew are anxious to attend the program. A check was received March 24 for \$20,000. This is a credit to our staff and the work that they do in our community.

Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast:

April has been selected as Volunteer Appreciation month. In honor of the month and all of our wonderful volunteers, including the Park Board, the City is holding a breakfast on Friday, April 16 starting at 7:30 a.m. at the Shoreline Center. The theme this year is: Shoreline's Great Fortune. Besides breakfast, volunteers will enjoy some great entertainment and a little token of our appreciation for all that you do throughout the year. We hope that you can come. Our own Dick Deal will serve as Master of Ceremony.

Celebrate Shoreline:

This annual event will happen Tuesday August 17 – Sunday August 22, 2010 and includes the North City Jazz walk, parade, car show and sandcastle contest! It's hard to believe that we are already planning Celebrate Shoreline. Our theme this year is Bridging Families, Cultures and Communities. Nominations for this year's parade marshal will be opened soon, so be thinking of who you'd like to see lead

our parade. Over the years, we have had a number of Park Board members receive this honor.

Park Maintenance

Mr. Peterson gave an update to the following items:

The week of March 15, Shoreline experienced a strong wind storm that resulted in the damage of several trees. Park Staff spent two days clearing trails unclogging storm drains and removing hazardous limbs from trees.

Roughly 100 yards south of the RBSW park pedestrian bridge, a large landslide occurred which covered up the tracks. Rail service was disrupted for two days while the tracks were cleared.

Two times annually, park maintenance staff needles the synthetic turf fields at Shoreline A & B and Twin Ponds parks. The needling removes torn fibers and debris, and stands fibers back upright.

During the months of March and October, Park maintenance staff aerates, overseeds and fertilizes all of the athletic field turf within the park system. This is done to alleviate compaction and provide a safe, healthy turf for the large volume of athletic activities that occur in the City's parks.

Park Planning

Ms. Colaizzi gave a brief update on the recent activity with the Sunset School Park and Boeing Creek Open Space Master Plan project. She also touched on the Kruckeberg Botanic Garden Master Plan process, gave an update on the status of off-leash areas, Richmond Highlands Park restroom construction, temporary fencing purchased at Hamlin Park and an update on the progress at Cromwell Parks.

Director's Report

Animal Control:

Mr. Deal shared that King County will soon be done providing animal control services and the City of Shoreline is looking for service options. Staff is near finalizing a contract with retired King County Animal Control officer Chris Meyer. Park users and neighbors have noticed off-leash activity on the beach south of the Saltwater Park boundary. Mr. Clements suggested staff re-evaluate access by those outside the community.

Community Groups:

Mr. Deal met recently with Ballinger Neighborhood group and toured Brugger's Bog Park. He also heard from the group that making the Aldercrest site into a city park is still of interest to the community.

Kruckeberg Event:

Art Kruckeberg’s 90th birthday will be celebrated on Thursday, April 8 with a gathering at City Hall. This event is also a fundraiser for the Garden and tickets can be purchased online. This event will also feature the release of a short film on the history of Art Kruckeberg, his life and times, in his own words.

Joint Meeting with Planning Commission:

On April 22, the Park Board will meet with the Planning Commission. Please arrive 30 minutes prior to the 7:00 p.m. start so that the Park Board can complete a few business items in advance of the joint meeting.

Mr. Deal fielded a question about a vacant Board member position. He shared that staff will recommend to Council the change of the Board composition to 7 members that will match the City Council, Planning Commission and Library Board.

Mr. Deal also thanked Mr. Heller for his work on the 195th trail project.

12. Meeting Adjourned

With no further business on the agenda, it was moved by Ms. Jacques and seconded by Mr. Sycuro to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:59 p.m.

Signature of Park Board Chair	Date

Signature of Minute Writer	Date