



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

June 23, 2011
7:00 p.m.

Shoreline City Hall
Council Chambers

1. Call to Order

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

Park Board Members Present: William Clements (Chair), Jesse Sycuro (Vice-Chair)
Carolyn Ballo, Katie Beth, Boni Biery, Joseph Neiford

Excused: Kevin McAuliffe

City Staff Present: Dick Deal, Director; Lynn Cheeney, Recreation Superintendent; Kirk Peterson, Park Superintendent; Maureen Colaizzi, Park Project Coordinator; Ros Bird, Public Art Coordinator; Lynn Peterson, Administrative Assistant.

2. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Clements moved to approve the minutes from the May 26th meeting. Ms. Biery requested an amendment to reflect her request to include the names of streams and waterways in Chapter 6 of the PROS Plan. Ms. Biery moved to approve the minutes as amended followed by a second from Ms. Ballo. The motion carried.

3. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Deal requested the agenda be amended to include a June 21, 2011 letter from Mr. Schweiss of Shoreline (attached) requesting an additional memorial bench at Richmond Beach Saltwater Park. Ms. Beth moved to approve the agenda as amended. Second by Mr. Neiford. The motion carried.

4. General Public Comment

Lynn Huston from Friends of Sunset Park (Shoreline, WA) provided the Board with an update of activity. Since the approval of the Sunset Site Plan the Friends of Sunset Park have applied for a City of Shoreline Neighborhoods mini-grant in partnership with the Richmond Highlands Neighborhood Association. This grant would fund a community event called "Art pARTy" scheduled for September 10, 2011. The purpose of this project is to bring people back to the site, keep it in front of the community's awareness, and make improvements such as murals, pavement painting, chain link fence artwork, etc. The school district has approved the project and it will go before the City Council next Monday, June 27, 2011. A Call for Artists has been posted.

5a. Bike Park

Carolyn Hope and Drew Elliot of RIDE Outreach presented a proposal for discussion regarding a bike park in either Hamlin or another Shoreline City park. According to Mr. Elliot no bike parks currently exist in this area and he has expertise in development and programming. The bike park vision is characterized by the following:

- “Freeride” Bicycling: technical trails with obstacles and jumps
- Demand: The children of mountain bikers are growing into a generation of “freeride” bikers and the demand for bike parks is increasing, made even more popular as it has become an Olympic sport
- Snoqualmie, Green Lake, Bellingham, Redmond and others have existing thriving parks
- Construction could be handled by volunteers. Some money may be needed for soil to construct the contours and native plants for beautification
- Joint use by private organizations and the City

Mr. Nieford stated that the proposed Hamlin site is the prime site for the off-leash area already under discussion. Mr. Deal proposed that Shoreview Park below ball fields may be an alternate site that would meet the needs of the bike park. Ms. Ballo mentioned the need for safe passage along the roads leading to and from any bike park site. Mr. Sycuro suggested a location study to look at the resources, residences, need, etc. involving any potential development.

Design standards for bike parks are based on the International Mountain Bike Association. The Recreational Immunity Statute covers liability issues. Proper signage is essential. Maintenance could be done by volunteers as it is at bike parks in other cities. Parks Operations coordinates work parties, oversees and fixes blatant hazards but volunteers do the volume of routine maintenance work.

Ms. Biery suggested building a couple of smaller bike parks rather than one large one and expressed concern about potential off-course riding impact on the environment. The response from Ms. Hope is that these are different bikes, without suspension, built for bike park activity rather than mountain biking. Ms. Ballo inquired about anticipated parking impact. Mr. Elliot responded that it would be minimal: perhaps 10-15 slots per bike class. 1-2 acres of total space is needed to create a good park.

Mr. Clements summarized by stating there seems to be general support for the idea and that an evaluation of sites and priorities is needed to determine how to proceed.

Next steps might include:

- Identification of potential sites
- Park Board tour at the July meeting and/or staff reconnaissance
- Visit existing facilities
- Talk to legal staff/insurance

5b. Request for an Additional Park Bench at RBSW Park

All fifteen benches identified in the original Richmond Beach Saltwater Park Bench Plan have been claimed. A new request has been received by Mr. Schweiss (letter attached) for a bench to be installed at the top of the stairs in memory of his wife. Following a brief discussion, Mr. Sycuro moved to approve a bench and plaque installation in the proposed location. Ms. Ballo provided the second to the motion. The motion was approved.

6. Park at Town Center

Four slides created by the design team for the Park at Town Center (attached) were presented by Mr. Deal. A vision is being proposed that spans across 20+ years providing ways to connect the Town Center to adjacent Shoreline neighborhoods.

Concern was expressed by Mr. Nieford about a loss of neighborhood feel on the west side of Aurora if that part of the City is not directly tied into the green space. A motion was made by Ms. Ballo to approve the existing vision strategy as presented. Second by Ms Biery. Motion carried. Next steps: This information will be presented to the City Council on July 5th in anticipation of a July 25th approval.

7. Tobacco-free Parks

Mr. Deal introduced the concept of Tobacco-free parks. Mr. Clements expressed support and asked staff to come back with more information. Ms. Ballo stated concern about imposing unenforceable park regulations. Mr. Nieford suggested the possibility of area specific enforcement within the parks. Mr. Clements offered the model of setting a standard, encouraging voluntary compliance, and waiting for the cultural standard to take hold.

8. Tree City USA

The Council has asked the staff to look into the possibility of Shoreline receiving a Tree City designation (attached). Under this model a "Tree Board" or advisory group like the Park Board would be assigned oversight, an ordinance would be required as would a more deliberate observance of Arbor Day. The recommendation from the Board is to continue to collect more information and come back for further discussion.

9. Park Board Art Committee Membership

Ros Bird proposed the filling of two vacancies. Carolyn Ballo has expressed interest in renewing her term. Jessi Sycuro also expressed interest in serving the committee, stating an extensive art background. Kevin McAuliffe indicated via email that while he does not have a lot of experience, involvement in the committee interests him.

Mr. Clements moved to appoint Mr. Sycuro and reappoint Ms. Ballo to a second term. Ms. Beth seconded the motion. The motion carried.

10. PROS Plan Implementation Project List

- The Park Board was asked to approve the implementation strategy before it goes before the Council on June 27. Discussion included the following:
- Mr. Clements advised against specific recommendations that are subject to more study such as the curb and gutter recommendation in the sidewalk plan.
- Mr. Nieford questioned whether the spray park is more of an imminent goal than presented.

(At 9:00 Mr. Clements introduced a motion for a 15 minute extension: Ms. Ballo moved, Mr. Sycuro seconded. Motion carried)

- Mr. Clements questioned whether projected project costs have been included. Ms. Colaizzi stated the difficulty of making projections that are dependent upon unforeseen factors and extend far into the future, but assured that the Plan can be updated as needed.

Ms. Beth moved to approve the Implementation Project as presented: Ms. Biery seconded. Motion Passed.

11. July Park Tour

Suggested tour sites include: Bike park sites at Hamlin and Shoreview Parks, Off-leash areas, Ridgecrest, Sunset and James Keough Park. Staff will formulate a plan and submit it via email for input from the Board and approval.

12. Staff Reports

Highlights from City programs included the following:

- Ms. Bird: Kruckeberg artwork, Mile 2 Banners, Bronze sculpture maintenance by Artech.
- Mr. Peterson: National Trails Day on June 4 sponsored by EarthCorps, REI and the City of Shoreline, May 21st South Woods work party, and the Ronald Bog work party

(Moved by Ms. Biery to extend the meeting to 9:30. Second by Mr. Sycuro. Motion passed)

- Ms. Cheney: Shoreline Live, Dance Recital, Camp, Gators swim team, 255 picnic shelter rentals so far this season, Swingin’ Summer Eve will involve a “Paint-in” at Cromwell Park, Celebrate Shoreline August 15-21st and the Summer Concert Series begins July 12th.

13. Meeting Adjourned

With no further business, Ms. Ballo moved and Mr. Sycuro seconded that the meeting adjourn. The motion carried. The Park Board meeting adjourned at 9:28 p.m.

Signature of Park Board Chair

Date

Signature of Minute Writer

Date