

City of Renton

Board of Park Commissioners



Meeting Minutes

March 12, 2013

4:30 p.m. – City Hall – 7th Floor Conferencing Center

I. CALL TO ORDER

In Attendance

The following members were present:

Members: Al Dieckman, Mike O'Donin, Larry Reymann, Cynthia Burns,
Marlene Winter, Troy Wigstrand

Absent: Tim Searing (excused)

Staff: Terry Higashiyama, Sandy Pilat, Leslie Betlach, Kelly Beymer,
Dianne Utecht, Teresa Nishi, Bonnie Rerecich

Guests: Rudy Case, Renton Trails

Chair, Larry Reymann, called the March 12, 2013, meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. Roll call was taken; Tim Searing was not present and excused.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Cynthia Burns made a motion, seconded by Al Dieckman to approve the agenda as presented. All were in favor, motion carried, the March 12, 2013, agenda was approved.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mike O'Donin and seconded by Al Dieckman to approve the February 12, 2013, meeting minutes as written. All were in favor, motion carried. The minutes were approved as submitted. Larry Reymann thanked the maintenance staff for their hospitality.

IV. ORAL COMMUNICATION

Rudy Case, Renton Trails, was in attendance. He shared on Saturday that nine people did a clean-up at May Creek and pulled out tires, a propane tank, and lots of garbage. Larry presented Rudy with a certificate of appreciation to the Renton Trails group for their efforts and support.

V. BOARD COMMUNICATION

City Center Plan—Mike O'Donin

Mike indicated the next meeting would be on Thursday, March 14, 2013, and at the April meeting he would update the Board.

VI. CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

Open House

A Library Open House will be held Tuesday, March 26, from 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. at the Renton Library. The current designs will be presented and a brief presentation by the architectural team from the Miller Hull Partnership. Representatives from the King County Library Systems and the City of Renton will be available to hear comments and answer questions. Sandy will email the flyer to the board members.

VII. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

Summer Lunch Program

Teresa Nishi and Bonnie Rerecich attended the meeting to give the Board Members a briefing on the Summer Lunch Program. The lunch program is a collaboration with Renton School District, City of Renton, community non-profits, churches and apartments throughout the community. Children from 1-18 years of age may receive a free lunch with no registration or restrictions.

A recent purchase of a refrigerated truck has given the program the opportunity to become mobile. A comparison chart was distributed to show the growth in the last year. King County Librarians and the City's Management Association provided activities for the participants.

In 2013 the program will transition from Human Services to the Neighborhoods, Resources and Events Division. Currently our staff is working on maintaining and enhancing existing sites. Activities are being finalized.

The Board members had several questions regarding the program as well as offers to volunteer.

Communities Count

Dianne Utecht, Human Services Contract Specialist, gave a report on the Communities Count. This is a public-private partnership that tracks social, economic, health, environmental and cultural conditions important to King County residents. She reviewed current funders and partners. Charts were reviewed defining participation in three types of activities by adults. Additional statistics were shared for King County residents. Obesity in King County for 2009-2011 has increased 21%.

Dianne provided the web site for further reference; this site serves as a report card for King County.

She shared statistics of regional patterns and the differences across demographic groups.

VIII. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Leslie Betlach noted she has spent lots of time with our legal department working on the interlocal agreement with the school district. Kelly Beymer noted she was finalizing a revision of the park rules and regulations. Bonnie Rerecich was preparing to interview candidates for the Farmers Market Coordinator position and prepare for Arbor Day/Earth Day, as well as April is volunteer month.

The April Park Board meeting will be at the Maplewood Golf Course in the Alder Room.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Marlene Winter and seconded by Mike O'Donin to adjourn the March 12, 2013, meeting at 5:50 p.m. All were in favor, motion carried, meeting adjourned.

Signature

NEXT REGULAR MEETING April 9, 2013 @ 4:30 P.M.

Maplewood Golf Course—Alder Room

