

City of Renton

Board of Park Commissioners



Meeting Minutes

October 11, 2011

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

In Attendance

The following members were present:

Members: Cynthia Burns, Mike O'Donin, Al Dieckman, Larry Reymann, Marlene Winter, Tim Searing

Staff: Terry Higashiyama, Sandy Pilat, Leslie Betlach, Kelly Beymer, Bonnie Rerecich, Vanessa Dolbee, Chip Vincent

Chair, Larry Reymann, called the, October 11, 2011, meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. Roll call was taken; Board Member Troy Wigestrang was absent. Cynthia Burns made a motion seconded by Mike O'Donin to excuse Troy's absence. All were in favor, motion carried.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The October agenda needed a correction on future meeting dates to read as follows:

Upcoming Board meetings

November 8, 2011 City Hall

December 13, 2011 Museum—Holiday Social (spouses invited)

January 10, 2012 City Hall

February 14, 2012 Senior Activity Center

A motion was made by Al Dieckman and seconded by Cynthia Burns to approve the agenda with changes noted above. All were in favor, motion carried, the October 11, 2011 agenda was approved.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Cynthia Burns made a motion, seconded by Marlene Winter, to approve the September minutes as written. All were in favor, motion carried, minutes approved.

IV. ORAL COMMUNICATION/PUBLIC COMMENT

Terry Higashiyama asked our guest if he would like to speak and address the Board. David Kelly introduced himself, stating he was a student at Evergreen College and was just here to observe the meeting.

V. BOARD COMMUNICATION

None

VI. CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

None

VII. CONSENT

Leslie Betlach and Vanessa Dolbee recommended the Parks Commission concur to adopt the Parks, Recreation and Natural Areas Plan and forward that recommendation to the City Council. Leslie thanked Larry Reymann and Tim Searing for their participation on the Steering Committee.

Leslie reviewed the PROSNR process and time line beginning in the summer of 2010 with adoption anticipated at City Council November 7. Input opportunities during Phase I included five stakeholder interviews, three focus groups, two community interactive workshops, community questionnaire and a project website. Phase II offered a visioning workshop, statistically valid survey and interactive mapping exercise. The third Phase consisted of two community interactive workshops.

The Draft Plan allowed a 21 day public comment period with copies available at the libraries as well as City Hall and a digital copy on the project website. Comments included support for boating facilities, community gardens, dog parks and environmental education. Concerns were voiced about relocating the dog park from the current Narco location and expressed support for a Burnett Linear Park extension including a community garden. The Steering Committee recommended acceptance of the Plan with the acceptance forwarded to the Parks and Planning Commission. The Planning Commission recommended adoption of the Plan with the recommendation forwarded to the City Council.

Cynthia Burns made a motion to forward a recommendation to the City Council to adopt the Parks, Recreation and Natural Areas plan. Al Dieckman seconded the motion. Discussion followed with comments from Tim Searing congratulating Leslie and Vanessa on the outcome of the Plan and recognizing all the hard work they put in. The vote was unanimous to recommend adoption to the City Council.

VIII. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Terry thanked Tim Searing and Mike O'Donin for attending the Jamal Crawford court dedication at Liberty Park. Terry noted that Jamal stayed long after the event shooting hoops with the kids.

Terry reported that Kris Stimpson is the Department lead on the recertification of the City Accreditation. Renton is one of only two cities in the state to be nationally accredited. Three members of the Review Board will arrive in December to review our compliance with the 144 standards. A social will be held with the team on December 6 at the Senior Activity Center.

IX. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

Chip Vincent, Planning Director, discussed Ordinance 5630 which added the "Community Plan Advisory Board." He explained there are ten planning areas adopted by the City (which relate to the neighborhood groups). Each Board will have the responsibility to provide an annual report informing the public of the progress of the Community Plan. Additionally they will make advisory recommendations for goals and objective. These recommendations will be based on departmental work plans; budget; CIP and TIP; adopted plans, such as Arts and Culture Master Plan; Capital, Trail, Bicycle and Parks, Recreation and Natural Areas Plan(s). They will hold public meetings and provide a forum to encourage input.

Members will be appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the majority of the City Council. Each member will represent the planning area for which they serve. The Board will include residents; renters as well as owners; business leaders; property owners; non-profit and social service representatives; and a member of the Parks Commission. Cynthia Burns made a motion, seconded by Tim Searing, to have Mike O'Donin serve as the Park Board representative. All present were in favor. Mike's name will be submitted to Council for consideration.

A member of the Planning Commission will serve as Chair of the Advisory Board. The terms of the members will be staggered and after establishment meetings will probably be four times a year.

X. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Terry Higashiyama reviewed the updated clean up ordinance #5628 which clarified the new division in Community Services and the removal of the Library. Terry extended an invitation to the Board members to attend the Employee Recognition luncheon at the

Renton Community Center on Wednesday, October 26, 2011, at 11:00 a.m.

XI. OLD BUSINESS

Last meeting there was not sufficient time to review the Status Report. Leslie noted our Capital Project Coordinator is working on refurbishing the bleachers to comply with safety requirements as well as lighting replacement at Cedar River Park and Carco. The LED lighting will be a significant upgrade as well as energy efficient.

Cynthia Burns asked if we would be doing an end-of-summer wrap up for Recreation. Terry noted that we would do that in November. Kelly Beymer noted there would be a striping project going on at Gene Coulon Park.

XII. INFORMATION

Larry Reymann thanked Sandy for sending out the flyer on the Cedar River Salmon Journey and dates. There has been a good response and interest shown. Tim Williams, Recreation Director, announced upcoming events include the Boo Carnival and holiday bazaar(s). Bonnie noted the upcoming Green and Clean this Saturday at Gene Coulon Park. She also mentioned to save the date of November 30, 2011, for our bi-annual Board and Commission Training. A speaker has been lined up and results of the all-city survey will be given.

Our November meeting will be at City Hall and the December meeting will be brief, followed by a social at the Renton History Museum. Spouses are invited.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Mike O'Donin made a motion, seconded by Tim Searing, to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor, motion carried, the October 11, 2011, meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Signature

NEXT REGULAR MEETING

November 8, 2011 @ 4:30 P.M.

City Hall Conferencing Center--7th Floor

