

# ***City of Renton***

## ***Board of Park Commissioners***



### ***Meeting Minutes***

January 8, 2013

4:30 p.m. – City Hall – 7<sup>th</sup> Floor Conferencing Center

#### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

##### **In Attendance**

The following members were present:

Members: Tim Searing, Marlene Winter, Al Dieckman, Larry Reymann,  
Troy Wigestrang, Mike O'Donin

Staff: Sandy Pilat, Leslie Betlach, Kelly Beymer, Tim Williams

Guests: Angie Benedetti, KCLS

Chair, Larry Reymann, called the January 8, 2013, meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. Roll call was taken; Cynthia Burns was not in attendance.

#### **II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mike O'Donin made a motion, seconded by Marlene Winter, to approve the agenda as presented. All were in favor, motion carried, the January 8, 2013, agenda was approved.

#### **III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Al Dieckman and seconded by Mike O'Donin to approve the December 2012 minutes as written, all were in favor, motion carried. The minutes were approved as submitted.

**IV. BOARD COMMUNICATION**

Mike O'Donin reported the City Center meeting scheduled for last Thursday was cancelled. They are scheduled to meet again in March.

Marlene Winter shared information about the Circle of Giving Awards ceremony to be held on January 16, 2013, at the Renton Senior Activity Center. Awarding of over \$30,000 in community grants from the "Next Curve" and "Circle of Giving" will take place, including \$1,000 to the scholarship fund. The event is free to the public.

**V. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

*KCLS Program presentation—Angie Benedetti*

Angie Benedetti, Cluster Manager KCLS, gave a presentation on the Renton Libraries. She defined the current two libraries and other neighboring libraries serving the area and number of visitors and items checked out. She reviewed a brief history of the community including that in 1903 the miner's library opened followed by the Carnegie funded library in 1914. Currently KCLS has five service strategies to include young readers, teens and children, lifelong learning, personalized information access and assistance, and the area's diverse populations.

Angie brought applications and library cards, best books of the year list, and other materials as hand-outs. She encouraged everyone to visit the recently opened Newcastle library. She discussed a new software system to monitor activity and types of materials checked out. She explained different libraries then can have different materials geared specifically to their community. Angie gave everyone her e-mail address to contact her should they have any questions.

**VI. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

*Sunset Area Community Revitalization Overview—Leslie Betlach*

Planned improvement in the Sunset Area will benefit the entire community. Leslie reviewed the street upgrade to NE Sunset Blvd., improvements to storm water drainage, new and rehabilitated parks facilities, new public library, new early childhood learning center, bike and walking paths. Sunset Terrace public housing will redevelop to include new residential units with a mix of public, affordable, and market-rate homes.

Sunset Terrace Redevelopment is expected to occur over the next decade. Hopefully this will act as a catalyst for improvements and investments in the Sunset Area Community. The vision is the sunset area will be a destination for the rest of the city. The neighborhoods will feel safe and secure and be an attractive place to live. This will include features such as wider sidewalks, narrower travel lanes for vehicles and landscaping while integrating green infrastructure, rain garden and walkways that receive rainwater and direct it to manage storm water. It was suggested the Sunset area would be a good place for a tour.

### *Sequencing Preference*

At a previous meeting the board members itemized various topics they would like to discuss in the upcoming year. Due to the large number of items, Terry requested that the Board prioritize the list. Tim Searing suggested in order to properly review all the topics that they make this homework and take the list with them and email Sandy their top three choices prior to the next meeting.

### *Farmers Market*

Leslie announced Valria, Farmers Market Coordinator, is leaving the City. Our staff will take a look at the position before filling it. We will be having a farewell open house for Valria on Tuesday at 9:00 a.m., if anyone would like to attend.

## **VII. OLD BUSINESS**

### *Carco/Public Access Contract*

In Peter's absence, Tim Williams noted at January 7, 2013, Council meeting the five-year lease agreement with Public Access was approved. We anticipate a smooth transition with the recreation staff. Peter will attend the February meeting to discuss the contract as well as the library building updates.

## **VIII. CORRESPONDENCE**

### *Cleveland Richardson Article*

Leslie emailed an article from the Renton Reporter that outlined the history of the Cleveland property acquisition.

### *LA Clippers Program*

Sandy brought in a program from a LA Clippers game she attended over Christmas in Los Angeles. She was surprised to see Renton mentioned in an article on the biography of Jamal Crawford. The article mentioned Jamal's Foundation and his contributions to the youth in the area.

## **IX. INFORMATION**

Friday, January 11, 2013, the City will host a send-off party to cheer on the Seahawks. Leslie invited the Board to the Community Services Employee Appreciation Luncheon at the Renton Community Center on January 23, 2013, at 11:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m..

The February meeting will be held at the Parks Maintenance Shop located at 1100 Bronson Way. There will not be access to parking at the building so everyone should park at Liberty Park and walk over.

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Troy Wigestrang and seconded by Marlene Winter to adjourn the January 8, 2013, meeting at 6:00 p.m. All were in favor, motion carried, meeting adjourned.

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*Signature*

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING**

**February 12, 2013 @ 4:30 P.M.**

*Park Maintenance Shop 1100 Bronson Way*