

City of Renton

Board of Park Commissioners



Meeting Minutes

March 10, 2015
4:30 p.m. – City Hall – 7th Floor Conferencing Center

I. CALL TO ORDER

In Attendance

The following members were present:

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

Staff: Terry Higashiyama, Sandy Pilat, Leslie Betlach, Kelly Beymer, Mark Santos-Johnson, Casey Stanley, Maryjane Ortiz, Kris Stimpson

Chair, Cynthia Burns, called the March 10, 2015, meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. Roll call was taken; all members were present.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Larry Reymann made a motion, seconded by Mike O'Donin, to approve the agenda as presented. All were in favor, motion carried, the March 2015 agenda was approved.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Marlene Winter and seconded by Al Dieckman to approve the February minutes as written, all were in favor, motion carried. The minutes were approved as submitted.

IV. BOARD COMMUNICATION

City Center Plan—Mike O'Donin

Mike reported on the last meeting he attended and noted discussions included the streetscape, light standards, new buildings—hotel on Lake Washington Boulevard and traffic concerns.

V. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

Choice Neighborhoods Initiative Implementation Grant—Sunset Area Transformation Plan—Mark Santos-ohnson

There is a potential to secure up to \$30 million for Sunset Area Transformation Plan out of 155 million dollars of funds available. The profile of the Sunset area is 269 acres near the City Center with 2,784 residents and 559 businesses. There is good access to highways and transit, and it is close to major employment, shopping and entertainment.

Community needs in the Sunset Area include: over 25% of households live in poverty; 75% of the students at Highlands Elementary qualify for free or reduced lunch; while the violent crime rate is two times higher than the city as a whole. There is a significant elderly population here. This revitalization has been a work in progress for 15 years. In the last three years, the City, Renton Housing Authority and the Renton School District have invested 39 million dollars in the Sunset area. The City has committed additional funds of \$30 million for added improvements.

Recently completed projects include the Meadow Crest Early Learning Center, the Inclusive Playground, Glennwood Townhomes and Kirkland Avenue Townhomes, utility upgrades, and the Highlands to The Landing pedestrian connection.

The transformation plan will start with the redevelopment vision including a new three acre neighborhood park, surrounded by affordable mixed income housing units and the new Renton Highlands Library. Targeted needs the Plan will address include new affordable and mixed-income housing, enhanced education programs, expanded health and human service, crime prevention strategies, and improved access to jobs. The CNI (Choice Neighborhood Initiative) application was submitted in February of this year for \$30 million.

Mark outlined the budget requests, breakdowns, and services proposed. HUD announces the awards in September.

Golf Course—Kelly Beymer

Kelly relayed that the City Council had approved the lease transfer for the RiverRock. She is looking forward to working with the new vendor and is pleased how the transfer time was minimal.

VI. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Terry reported the carry forwards have not been through council yet; she will have a report in April.

Terry reminded everyone to submit their 2015/2016 goals for review and

prioritization.

Terry thanked Marlene for taking a lead and contacting the high schools for a recommendation for our Youth Board member recruitment. Terry requested an additional volunteer in addition to Al to serve on a sub-committee to review the ordinance governing the Park Board. Troy volunteered. Sandy will set up a meeting.

VII. INFORMATION

Leslie reported on meetings with the legislators over the last two weeks. She said there is extensive support of the Sunset Park. She was able to meet with 11 out of the 12 legislators.

Terry announced the upcoming Celebration of Life for Susie Bressan on Sunday, March 15, at Maplewood Golf Course from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. The family has requested in lieu of flowers that donations be made to the Renton History Museum or the "Gift of Play" scholarship fund.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Troy Wigstrand and seconded by Tim Searing to adjourn the meeting at 6:00 p.m. All were in favor, motion carried, meeting adjourned.



Signature

NEXT REGULAR MEETING

April 14, 2015 @ 4:30 P.M.

City Hall Conferencing Center--7th Floor

